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SU welcomes new VP of Finance & Administration

By: Adam Harrow
News Editor

With over 25 years of experience in multiple levels of the Pennsylvania school system, Salisbury University welcomes Greig Mitchell, the new vice president of administration and finance. Recently transferring from SUNY College at Brockport, where he held the same position, Mitchell brings much experience, knowledge and diversity with him.

"Each campus has its own culture, yet certain problems are universal, such as students now paying more of the cost," said Mitchell. "Knowledge of the issues has made the transition easier and fortunately, Salisbury University and the general community have both been very welcoming."

Although Mitchell began his career

working for the Pennsylvania State Department of Education, he soon branched out to Shippensburg University in 1980, where he worked for 17 years as the chief financial and administrative officer. Mitchell was able to contribute greatly to Shippensburg during his tenure there, increasing academic growth and quality, while improving the overall reputation of the school. While at Shippensburg, Mitchell also played an important role in overseeing technological and management projects at the school, such as campus construction and renovation, campus security and collective bargaining. Shippensburg was also rated highly in national publications for its cost and price effectiveness while Mitchell worked there.

Before leaving for the New York

school system, Mitchell also worked briefly for the system of higher education in Pennsylvania, as vice chancellor for finance, accounting, budgeting, procurement, human resource management and facilities planning. Here, among other things, Mitchell was able to develop a thorough tuition policy allowing for more flexibility; design better funding programs, which lead to an increase in state appropriations; and develop more partnerships in student housing within the private sector.

Mitchell said that there are various parallels between the three school systems of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. "Having been a system person made me a better campus person and vice versa."

Along with his intense resume, Mitchell brings with him over 30 years of leadership skills in the U.S.

Army Reserve and Pennsylvania Army National guard. With experience as the chief military personnel officer and director of strategic planning, Mitchell retired at the federal rank of colonel, with an accompanying state rank of brigadier general.

"One of the things that made Salisbury so attractive to me was [that] the organization is doing an excellent job - its programmatic excellence and the quality of the institution provide a potential for continued growth and development," he said.

As the school continues to grow in the future, it hopes to employ more individuals like Mitchell, who are highly qualified and enhance the potential for greatness here at SU.

Nathan Foundation donates \$40,000 to SU-bound students

By: Kimberly Lennon
Staff Writer

Just as an old proverb says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child," the Nathan Foundation and Salisbury University Foundation are contributing to Dorchester County students. For the past 42 years, the Nathan Foundation has offered over \$860,000 in four-year scholarships to Dorchester County students attending Salisbury University. This year, the Nathan Foundation presented \$40,000 in scholarships to five Dorchester County residents who will attend Salisbury University in the future.

"We are honored by the Nathan Foundation's support, and, when we see how many of our Dorchester County graduates have become successful teachers and community leaders, we realize the significant impact of their investment and we hope they do as well," said Rosemary Thomas, executive director of the Salisbury University Foundation.

The Nathan Foundation was created with the assets of Milford Nathan's death in 1953, and continued after the deaths of his wife Estelle, and sister Bertha Nathan in 1983. The foundation adheres to the wishes of the family by presenting gifts to benefit the residents and future of Dorchester County. "I think it's important that the University is working hand in hand with outside organizations because this shows that everyone is entitled to an equal education," said freshman Carly Meseck.

Over 100 students in the past have benefited from the Nathan Foundation Scholarships at Salisbury University. To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must obtain a recommendation from a high school counselor and be accepted at Salisbury University. The scholarship is open to all applicants that meet these requirements. The Nathan

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Maryland Claims ACC Title

After defeating Wake Forest, N.C. State and most recently, Duke - teams all ranked in the AP Top 25 in the nation - the University of Maryland has won the ACC title. With their decisive 95-87 overtime win over Duke, Maryland has claimed the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship title for the first time in 20 years. The win puts Maryland in excellent position to a higher seed in the NCAA tournament seedings. John Gilchrist, sophomore point guard was named MVP of the series, averaging 24 points a game.



Tournament MVP John Gilchrist celebrates the Terps' win over Duke.

Photo courtesy www.sportsline.com

Campus Blurbs

Honors Recital

The Department of Music presents its first Honors Recital on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Students, who were selected by competitive audition, perform works by Brahms, Chopin and Mozart. The program is approximately an hour. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. Performers are Lesley O'Brien (psychology major), Danielle Carbonie (music - teacher certification), James Gillespie (music), Sun Eun Kim (music) and Stephen Givens (English-teacher certification). Dr. Timothy O'Rourke, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, will present awards. Dr. William Folger of the Music Department is the organizer of the event. Music students auditioned in December before departmental faculty for the recital. For more information call 410-543-6385.

Whaley Brings "Memphis Soul" to Brown Bag Series

The music of Aretha Franklin and Otis Redding could be a key to ending racial tensions in parts of America, Salisbury University history professor Donald Whaley says during the third installment of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series. Whaley speaks on "Memphis Soul Stew: Race Relations in Memphis Soul Music" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in the University Gallery in Fulton Hall. An expert on Memphis soul music, the professor has published several essays on the genre and its historical context. During the discussion, Whaley challenges the idea, popularized by author Peter Guralnick, that Memphis soul music is the product of desegregation due to its integration of African-American singers with Caucasian musicians. Instead, Whaley argues that Memphis soul is the embodiment of African-American nationalism. He also says the music—popular with both African-Americans and Caucasian southern fraternities in the 1960s—provides a common heritage for most southerners regardless of race, a realization that could help

further race relations today. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. Light refreshments are provided.

Congressman John Lewis speaks at SU

Congressman John Lewis, characterized as one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced, speaks at Salisbury University 7 p.m. Monday, March 29 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Lewis, serving his ninth term as representative from Georgia's Fifth District, is the author of *Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement*. He has been selected as the third speaker in the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series, established at SU by its Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE).

Lewis' most recent accomplishment has been his sponsorship of the new federal National Museum of African-American History and Culture. President Bush signed the initiative into law this past December. Sen. Sam Brownback, Republican from Kansas and co-sponsor of the bill, said Lewis was "a gentleman who has touched my soul."

MBA Open House

Have you ever wondered if an MBA degree was right for you? Business knowledge is useful for all organizations whether they are for-profit, government, education or non-profit. The Franklin P. Perdue School of Business will be sponsoring an MBA Open House on Wednesday, April 7th from 6-7 p.m. in the Frederick Room of the Commons to provide you with information on the program and to answer any of your questions. For more information on the MBA program, contact Janine Vienna, MBA Director at 410-548-3983 or jmvienna@salisbury.edu, or check out the MBA web site online at: <http://www.salisbury.edu/schools/perdue/MBA>.

Study Abroad Grants

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society is offering study abroad grants to recognize and assist undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Thirty-eight grants valued at \$1,000 each are awarded annually. Applicants must be undergraduates with 56-90 earned credits and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Applicants must be accepted into a study abroad program relevant to their major or career choice at the time of application. Both members and non-members of Phi Kappa Phi are eligible. Applications are available in International Student Services Office, Guerrieri Center Room 242E or at www.phikappaphi.org. The deadline is Thursday, April 15.

Salisbury Crime Beat

03/04/04, 10:12 p.m. Telephone Misuse

A resident of Chester Hall reported receiving an annoying and unwanted phone call.

03/06/04, 10:30 a.m. - 04:00 p.m. Hit and Run

A resident of Chester Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Devilbiss lot.

03/08/04, 11:00 p.m. - 00:00 a.m. Act of Intolerance

Flyers posted on bulletin boards were re-written or modified and offensive language was added.

03/10/04, 11:50 a.m. - 02:20 p.m. Hit & Run

A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown

vehicle while parked in the St. Martin lot. The damage was to the right, front.

03/10/04, 08:50 p.m. - 10:21 p.m. Verbal Threat

Two residents of Choptank Hall reported receiving annoying and possibly threatening instant messages from a non-student. A no-trespass letter will be sent.

03/12/04, 02:51 a.m. Intoxicated Student-Underage

An officer responded to Nanticoke Hall to check on the welfare of an intoxicated student. The student refused treatment. Another call was made from the resident hall about the same student at 7:12 a.m. Again, the student refused treatment. Incident has been referred to Residence Life.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Terrorist bombings in Madrid

Madrid, Spain was the home to a massive terrorist attack last Thursday, March 11, killing 200 and injuring over 1,500. The blasts were caused by a train bombing just days before the country's national elections. Elections took place Sunday, with some accusing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of withholding information from the public about who was behind the attacks.

Man arrested for killing nine in California

Fresno, Calif. resident Marcus Wesson was arrested Friday as a suspect for the murder of nine individuals, eight of which were Wesson's children. Police have said that Wesson has been cooperative since the arrest was made where the bodies were all

found atop one another. A number of the officers involved in the arrest have taken leave due to feeling distraught.

Six monkeys evicted from NYC apartment

Veterinarian assistant Orlando Lopez, 26, was evicted from his New York City apartment along with six monkeys, along with a tarantula and a few other various animals. The monkeys were described as "happy and healthy."

Socialist party claims victory in Spain

On Sunday, March 14, Spain's Socialist Workers Party claimed victory over the ruling conservative Popular Party. With nearly all votes counted at time of press, the Socialist Party is expected to win 164 seats in Spain's 350-seat parliament. Before the terrorist

attacks last Thursday, the Popular Party had been ahead in the polls by a comfortable margin. The Socialists promise an end to terrorism and a more transparent democratic government.

Putin elected to second term as Russia's president

Russia's Vladimir Putin has been elected to his second four-year term as president. Early results show Putin receiving 70 percent of the popular vote. Putin promised further economic growth, media freedom and a strengthening of civil institutions. "All the democratic achievements will be guaranteed," he said.

Nathan

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Foundation President Russell Baker Jr. said he and his partners have realized the importance of education not only for the future of students, but for the community as well.

For more information contact Melanie Stefursky in the Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030 or visit www.salisbury.edu.

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Fight back with the help of Sigma Phi Epsilon

By Katie Adams
Staff Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon will be sponsoring a self-defense class on Thursday, March 18 at 8 p.m. due to the recent crime in Salisbury. Mark Doran, a concerned member of Sig Ep, has personally developed the class.

"I feel obligated to show people this defense system, so that if they ever found themselves in a compromising position, they may be able to do something about it," said Doran.

This course was specifically designed for females because of the local robbery and rapes that have been increasingly occurring in the area. Girls will be paired with a member of Sig Ep and taught a series of different maneuvers to escape an attacker. "It is a practical street defense system that

combines a number of different martial arts techniques that I study," said Doran.

Sigma Phi Epsilon will accept the first 50 females to sign-up. To sign-up and for more information, contact Andrew Steck, a member of SigEp at as05939@salisbury.edu.

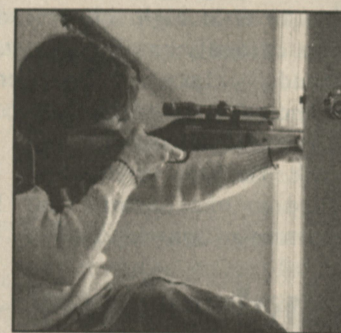


Photo by Constance Mensh

Crime in the community has increased dramatically lately, leading some to find ways to fight back.

No shoes, no shirt, big problem...

Spring Break...are you ready?

By Katie Adams
Staff Writer

As SU students all know, spring break is approaching: it's a time to say goodbye to textbooks and hello to flip-flops. Numerous students plan to get away this spring break by taking it easy at home or having a blast at one of the many spring break hot spots. This year Cancun, Mexico, the Bahamas, El Padre, Texas, North Carolina and different areas of Florida seem to be popular retreats.

Salisbury University students are among those getting ready for spring break, which is less than two weeks away. Many students are paying for the perfect tan, going to the gym more frequently and dieting. There was also much talk of low-carb diets and cutting back

"I'm not really doing much of anything. I already lift five days a week," said junior Marc Yosua.

"I'm drinking as much milk as I can before spring break for protein," said junior Sonny Newman.

While some students are paying for their tan, others are taking a more natural approach, if vegetable oil can be considered natural. Two male students said they plan on "slathering themselves in cooking oil and lying on top of the roof to catch some rays." Anything seems to go for good looks.

Several girls have joined Curves and have been getting fit there. "I want to look good for the 'Real World' boys when I'm in the Bahamas," said Samantha Wood, a junior.

Even though students are heading to different destinations for different reasons, one thing is certainly clear: everyone appears ready for a great spring break. "I can't wait - my roommates and I are going to have a great time in Texas," said Joe Feldmann, a senior. Many other students said they feel the same way.

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The Opportunity Column

Employment/Internships

Groundskeeper: Job/paid internship

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apply. Please contact Mrs. Mariner at 410-641-0941 or Pat Russell at 410-641-0697 for more information.

River & Trail Outfitters: Summer job

River & Trail Outfitters is trying to reach students who would like to work outdoors this summer. They are recruiting for positions as raft and tube guides, kayak and canoe instructors, shuttle drivers, front desk and retail work, and various other positions. Check out their website at:

www.rivertrail.com or give them a call at 1-888-446-7529 if you have any questions.

Dorchester County Public Schools: Part time job

Dorchester County Public Schools is looking for one or two persons to tutor high school students currently enrolled in advanced classes and experiencing some difficulty. There are twenty hours available per week. The hours may be all assigned to one person, or assigned to more than one person.

Assistance will primarily be in the area of math and reading. Anyone interested should send a letter indicating their current field of study and include why they believe they can assist the students. The position(s) will be filled as soon as we hear from someone suitable. The sooner they receive the letter of interest, the better the chances for employment. If interested, please contact:

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Scholarships

American Association of University Women Scholarship

The Salisbury Branch of the American Association of University women offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a rising SU Junior or Senior woman attending full-time who is also a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in need of financial assistance.

Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall, Room 211 or from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office, Guerrieri University Center, Room 212. Deadline for return of completed applications to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs is Friday, March 19, 2004.

Merwin Leadership Scholarship

The Merwin Leadership Scholarship is available for a full-time junior or senior with a 3.0 cumulative GPA, who also demonstrates leadership in either on or off campus programs. Qualified students should submit a letter of application showing evidence of a commitment to leadership and the names and contact information for two references by Wednesday, March 31 to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, GUC 212.

Accountemps/AICPA Student Scholarship

Accountemps and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants are offering a

scholarship to two AICPA student affiliate members. In addition, a student must be an undergraduate or a graduate student pursuing studies in accounting, finance or information systems to be eligible for the scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,500 for one year. An application is available at www.aicpa.org. The deadline for receipt of all application materials is Thursday, April 1.

AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship

Liberal arts students wishing to pursue graduate accounting study may receive financial aid through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) John L. Carey Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are given based on academic achievement, leadership and future career interests and are contingent upon acceptance in a graduate accounting program. Scholarship recipients must begin their graduate program within the year that the scholarship is awarded. Recipients must be full-time students throughout the period during which they receive the scholarship.

The amount of the scholarship is \$5,000 for one year. It is renewable for an additional year of study, provided satisfactory scholastic progress is maintained. Applications are available at www.aicpa.org. All application materials must be received by the AICPA by Thursday, April 1.

John Gyles Education Awards

The John Gyles Education Awards are available each year to students to Canadian and American citizens

Awards are available to both male and female students for all areas of post secondary study. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. Criteria other than strictly academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process.

Selected students will receive up to \$3,000. Filing dates for mailing applications in 2004 are April 1, June 1 and November 15. To receive an application, students must send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to John Gyles Education Awards, Attn: The Secretary, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive, Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G.

Pursuit of Excellence Award

The American Society for Quality is accepting applications for its annual David L. Warner Pursuit of Excellence Award.

This award is an annual, non-competitive, need-based \$750 scholarship available to Maryland and Delaware residents within the ASQ Delmarva Region who might not otherwise have an opportunity to further their education. The Delmarva Region includes Delaware's Kent and Sussex counties, and Maryland's Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Preference will be given to students studying math,

engineering, science or business.

Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall Room 213. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted by Friday, April 2.

Gilman International Scholarship

The Gilman International Scholarship is for undergraduate study abroad. The next scholarship cycle will be for study abroad programs that begin during fall 2004 term.

An applicants must meet be a citizen of the U.S., be an undergraduate student in good standing at an institution of higher education located in the U.S., receive federal Pell Grant funding during the academic term of his/her application, apply to or have been accepted for a program of study abroad eligible for undergraduate credit by the student's home institution, and is not studying in a country that is currently under a Travel Warning issued by the U.S. Department of State or Cuba.

More information and the online application is available at www.iie.org/gilman with an application deadline of Thursday, April 15.

Hispanic Scholarship/ Fellowship Opportunities

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is offering educational and leadership development programs and services to Latino students.

The fellowship program offers recent college graduates or graduate students the opportunity to gain

hands-on experience at the federal level in the public policy area of their choice. Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, have received their bachelor's degree within one year of application or be a current graduate student, have high academic achievement, active community service activities, and superior analytical and communication skills. The application deadline is Monday, March 1.

The scholarship awards are given to Latino students who have demonstrated a history of leadership in their community. There is no GPA requirement and full-time undergraduate and graduate students of all majors are eligible to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, active participants in public and or community service activities, demonstrate financial need, possess good writing skills, and be enrolled in an accredited community college, four-year university, or graduate program. The application deadline is Thursday, April 15.

For more information visit www.chciyouth.org or the Office of Multiethnic Student Services in the Guerrieri University Center.

POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

15 March 2004

The Gamble of Slots

By Owen Jarvis
Staff Writer

Legalizing slot machines for gambling in Maryland has been a hotly debated issue ever since Governor Robert Ehrlich began to seriously pursue the idea. This debate was borne out of the potential revenue that slots present, funds desperately needed by the state to fully fund the Thornton Plan's pledged \$1.3 billion a year more to the starved Maryland public education system. The obvious ethical dilemma is that it is wrong to fund public education with money coming from an immoral source, like legalized gambling. Quick and easy responses stem from a surface reading of the issue, for the overarching altruistic goals of the slots seem to balance the ethical equation. Further, providing future generations with the best educational opportunities possible is important enough to demand any means of funding possible, particularly means which do not increase the tax burden on citizens.

While Ehrlich campaigned for slots on Maryland's Eastern Shore, business owners made it clear that the area wanted nothing to do with slots. Ehrlich initially pledged not to introduce slots to the area upon legalization when he campaigned for the office of governor. However, he is now considering the possibility that business owners of the region were not speaking for the

wishes of the general public. It now seems very likely that slots will be approved in Maryland. Considering the real possibility of slots being introduced to nearby Ocean City or Ocean Downs, locals should seriously scrutinize the reasoning and ethicality of this issue.

First, it is necessary to question the motives of the business owners. Though they have cited the possibility of increased crime or moral erosion of the community, the basic fact is that slots would be taking money from certain individuals, while benefiting the economic state of the community as a whole. Slots would do little to morally erode a party town like Ocean City. As for increased crime or any other potential negative effects of slots, these are all governable in advance to an extent through the specifics of their integration. Slots are simply not welcome by area businessmen who do not stand to profit greatly from them, a point of view blind to the effects of increased tourism. Greed plays a serious part in shaping the opinions of the business owners and tycoons, who of course influence and shape the opinions of local and statewide officials.

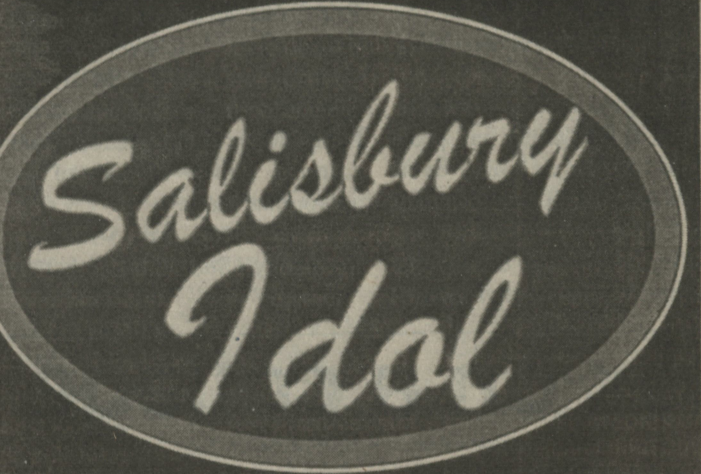
However, the coin of greed is two sided. Ehrlich, a Republican, wants slots to pay for education; slots for tots, as detractors say. He made a campaign promise not to raise taxes in Maryland, so slots seem

to be the only real option as long as he is in office. However, he would also like private ownership of slots. This means that instead of the public owning slots and having the proceeds go directly to the state, they would filter through out-of-state gaming companies, resulting in less money for schools that need it and more money for fat cats who do not. Political contributions have apparently outweighed the seething immorality of this. Even heavily taxing and regulating the private owners affords the intended beneficiaries and pure objective of the slots. Democrats rightfully demand public ownership, which has resulted in crippling partisanship. Further, it is possible that Ehrlich's projections of the slots' profitability is overoptimistic, which if true could present serious budgetary problems in years to come.

This swirling mass of opinions and political perspectives regarding slots belittles the true nature of the issue, which is that of how it directly impacts local communities. On one hand it could economically benefit a community while helping to fund statewide

education; on the other hand it could stamp out any remaining vestiges of intimate local soul, which is already nearing extinction in America's Wal-Mart age. Business owners and politicians must not decide this issue for the

people, it must be decided by the people themselves. Such political abstractions demand representative social reaction to ensure that our leaders ask, rather than tell, about our future.



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Once again: Newspaper equals freedom of speech

By Becki Lee
Editor in Chief

Several students have voiced their concerns about printing faculty members' letters in *The Flyer*. I would like to address these concerns.

I will agree that occasionally members of the faculty will press their political viewpoints upon students inside the classroom, and when this happens, this is wrong, regardless of whether the teacher is conservative or liberal. I know it

happens; it has happened to me. However, when the forum is appropriate, there is nothing wrong with expressing their opinions. As Eric Colvin mentioned in his letter to the editor last week, faculty members *do* have a right to their opinions. I would argue that the Letters to the Editor section of our campus paper is indeed an appropriate place.

We may be Salisbury University's Student Voice, but we

do not live in a vacuum. If faculty members, staff members, residents of the Salisbury area, or even residents of Utah who happen to stop by the university and pick up a *Flyer* want to write in with their opinions, we will not deny them. As long as students' opinions aren't pushed out of *The Flyer* to make room for other letters, the newspaper staff sees no problem with printing the viewpoints of others. And in the case of particular

national issues, we will accept letters from those as far away as Virginia Tech, or Utah.

There's no reason members of the campus community can't send their letters to the campus newspaper. We absolutely welcome letters from *any* member of the campus, whether students, faculty, or staff. We may not be *The Washington Post*, but we're Salisbury University's newspaper, and that's something. Faculty members

should be able to express their opinions here, above anywhere else: they are a part of this campus too.

So, once again, we ask you to send us your letters to the editor. If you have an opinion, tell us about it. Send your letter, attached as a Word document, to flyer@salisbury.edu. If you prefer not to use Microsoft Word, then attach your article as plain text. We'll be looking forward to it.

Sex on a college campus

By Portia Wright
Staff Writer

Sex! It seems as if everyone is having it and everyone is talking about it. A great deal of the SU student population is having some form of sex, whether conventional or otherwise. Some of the more shocking sexual experiences I have heard are people performing trains, and other people actually having R. Kelly tendencies and taping their sexual activities. What happened to the days when sex was a private issue? I realize that discussing sex aloud is no longer taboo, but shouldn't we still view the subject with some form of gravity and confidentiality?

Within a matter of days of arriving to this campus, many freshmen waste no time jumping into bed with people they do not know. They have yet to socialize with the entire campus, but they waste absolutely no time in knowing someone in the biblical sense. I don't pretend to be innocent myself; I go out to parties and am utterly disgusted with what I see. Some young impressionable freshmen girls spend the entire night walking around the party looking for someone, who could care less about them, to go home with. Be real, people need to realize: a** is a** and p***y has no face. Then we have the other

scenario. We all know someone like this: the couple that met at a party. They spent all night in a dark corner getting extremely touchy feely and then next thing you know they disappear together. Next day, guess what, they are a couple...what the hell!

In all honesty, when you met that person you were definitely not thinking, "He/she is the person of my dreams." Please do not confuse love with sex; often the two are completely unrelated.

Another question: why is it that males who have many different sexual partners are often praised by those of the same sex, whereas females who do the same thing are forced to go into hiding in hopes that people will forget about their former indiscretions? Males will give another guy props for doing some after hour creeping, but females will completely dog another girl out for sleeping around. If females started giving each other high-fives for having different sexual partners we would really change the social stigma upon us.

Perhaps we need to have more respect for ourselves and less concern about being socially accepted; no one will care who you slept with to attain a certain level of status on the social ladder of campus "extracurricular" activities.

Old guy advice

By Chris Weymont
Staff Writer

From the inner workings of the parking lot system to the classroom etiquette that should be minded, my keen wisdom gained through the years as a student shall be imposed as my tribute to Salisbury University.

As the student who just will not graduate, I have wise points and insight to offer that many regular outgoing four-year students do not. For one, I have figured out that saying, "Hi, how are you?" goes nowhere with the majority of the student population. Just say "hi" to someone and then be on your way. Trust me, people who are on a casual basis with one another could care less how the other one truly is.

First and foremost, I want to address the parking situation at our university. Bottom line: it sucks and will be an irritant until the day a parking garage is built. For those who live in University Park or Seagull Village, stop complaining. You have a shuttle, use it. In fact, for 90 percent of the students at SU, stop complaining because the fact of the matter is, you most likely live less than two miles away from school. SU students are also fortunate enough to live on such flat terrain, so purchase a bike. My personal choice is a Razor made scooter.

When you finally get to class, I want to address something that is

near and dear to my heart: classroom etiquette. The first few weeks of class serve as a template for our permanent seating. Grab a seat and go with it. Because more than likely your classmates are choosing a nest for themselves, follow their lead. Once you find a seat, take notice that mostly everyone around has chosen his or her own seat. Now, this is important. If you are halfway through a semester, do not take someone's seat unless you honestly know he/she will not be in class that day. A seat that has been occupied for weeks has a place in one's heart over time. Who are you to take that seat for no viable reason?

While in class, take my following hints. We all are going to be in a class that we really do not want to take. For example, most liberal art majors resent the notion of taking lab science classes. If you are like me, take the icky classes and become quickly friendly toward the teachers. Think about it. If you show up to class and are becoming well known to the teachers of your despised subjects, is she/he more or less likely to fail you? Would you fail a friend?

Moving on to Salisbury's partying rituals, as a pessimist in this vicinity, I can tell you this: the police are the oppressors of the student. I know this for a fact. Two years ago, on assignment for *The Flyer*, I interviewed Salisbury's

Chief of Police Alan J. Webster. Nice guy, but not so much toward the students. Since he took office, he has instated a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking. The dreaded drinking citations will continue to be issued from most likely those officers who never went to college and have heavy thick country accents. Use caution in throwing those ragers, because you could face yourself either paying heavy fines or doing, sigh, community service work.

The cafeteria is a godsend to those who have meal plans. Though the Bistro is definitely on a decline in terms of food quality and selection, overall, meals at the Commons are decent. On the weekend, brunch at noon is crazy, so avoid those long lines. Speaking of long lines, that omelet wait is always going to be at least five to eight minutes. I really have no idea why the management at the Commons just does not assign at least four workers to the omelet line. Want a waffle? First get the waffle then go get the eggs and bacon or whatever. Because the eggs line is much quicker than the waffle line, there is no need to wait in line while your eggs become chilled.

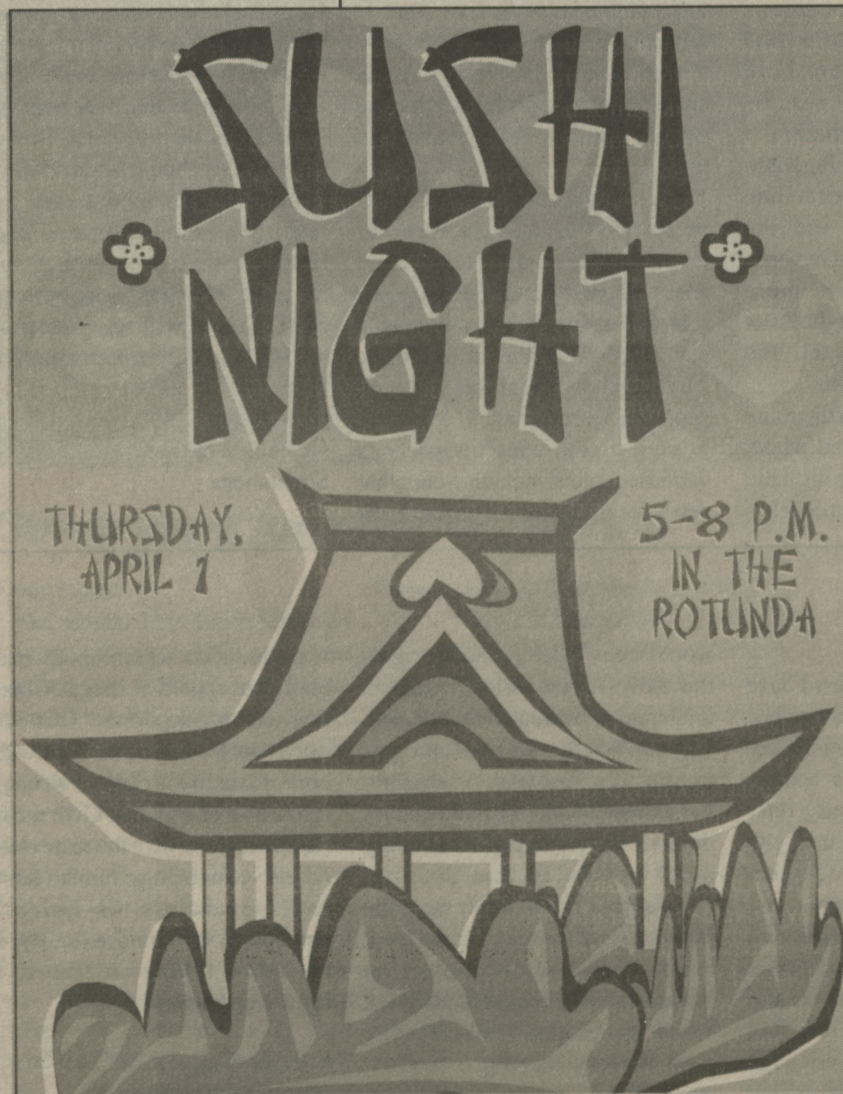
When you finally turn 21, the bar scene becomes a reality. Turning 21 is much more like a graduation for someone. Think about it like this: when one graduates from the

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11th grade to the 12th grade, essentially the same people are following you. The same goes with the bar. You will see the same people at the bar all the time. Each year has a new bar crowd and that does not change for another year. Prepare yourself for trendy music with a smoky atmosphere that leaves the thickest residue on your clothing. How about meeting that certain someone at the bar? Do you think a noisy place filled with alcohol is the best place to start up chat? You figure it out.

In my parting words, I am going to offer tidbits of information. Take your despised classes earlier rather than later. Do not stress out over tests because nobody likes a worrier. Speaking of those who worry – students, please do not fish for comments on the IM with self-pitying away messages and profiles that profess your anger or sadness. In the end, if you are friendly with everyone you know, more people will want to be your friend. With that, if you meet someone once, that gives you more than the right to say hello from there on out.



OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Big Brother Bush uses love to control the proletariat

Dear Flyer:

It just occurred to me that I know more than two dozen people who have been raped. I know six people who were abused as children. I know four people who went to Iraq, and one that actually got shot. I know four people who have been the victims of hate crimes. I know four happy gay couples.

I know that this country is in the middle of a "War on Terror." We now are fighting fear itself.

Somebody tell me that hate is good. Somebody tell me that pain is healthy. Somebody reply to this letter and tell me that this world full of hate and pain is the best possible world.

And then, please tell me why we need to place unnecessary limits on love. Tell me why, suddenly, love is the subject of our fear.

Marriage isn't about God, it's not about making babies, and it's not about paying taxes together. Though those things may be a part of marriage, they do not define it. The only thing that defines

marriage is love.

We know that. We all know that. We all know that when we tell gays they shouldn't get married what we really mean is that they shouldn't love each other. Somebody reply to this and say it isn't so. Say that gay love is good, but gay marriage isn't.

Look out into the wounded world and tell me that we don't need all the love we can get. Tell me that love is not the answer. Tell me that love doesn't matter. Tell me that only certain people are allowed to love. Tell me that people only fall in love according to rules. Tell me that our government has a right to legislate who I am allowed to love.

These acts of civil disobedience all over the country make me happy. Cities are performing gay marriages in spite of laws against it. I think they have simply realized that love is beyond the province of any government, and that every government that tries to control love has ceased to serve the people.

What is this love that people strive so hard to control? Culturally, how do we view love?

One important dichotomy is the differentiation between love as strength and love as weakness. The ancient Greeks felt that from the greatest love came the greatest strength. Phaedrus, in Plato's *Symposium*, said, "When Homer spoke of God 'breathing might' into some of the heroes, he described exactly the effect that Love, of his very nature, produces in men who are in love."

There is a legendary Greek warband called The Sacred Band of Thebes, all of whom were lovers, and whose strength was greater than any other band of warriors in Greece.

Compare this to the radically different view of post-Christian Rome, which believed that surrendering to human (earthly) love of any kind was a weakness in the eyes of God.

In addition, Greek society was open enough to allow such discussions as took place in Plato's *Symposium*. Discussions on sex and love were par for the course, and the man who never considered them at all was considered a common man, and no philosopher (lover of knowledge).

In ancient Greece, the aim of love was virtue. When people practiced love, it was assumed to be this value they were seeking, and it was good. In post-Christian Rome, the aim of love was the fulfillment of earthly desires. When people practiced love, it was assumed to be this value they were seeking, and it was bad.

In Pausanias' speech on love where he talks about the Persian empire: "The reason why love, along with love of intellectual and physical achievement, is condemned by the Persians is to be found in the absolute nature of their empire; it does not suit the interest of the government that a generous spirit and strong friendships and attachments should spring up among their subjects, and these are the effects which love has an especial tendency to produce. . . We may conclude then that where such love has been condemned it is the poor character of the people, greed for power in the rulers and cowardice in the subjects, which lies behind such a condemnation. . ."

And so, today we speak of freedom and love, but are still hamstrung by the undercurrent of the Roman Catholic idea that there

is something terribly corrupt about love between two human beings, even straight human beings.

The revolutionary idea that Pausanias had was that by controlling our ideas about love, our governments control *us* as individuals and the extent to which we submit to control. Such administrations attempt to submerge and disempower love in order to make their subjects weaker.

Think then on the current administration's (not just Bush's) and society's general stance on the following issues:

- Homosexuality
- Abortion
- Sex before marriage
- Love between people of extremely different ages (after age of consent, I'm not talking about pedophilia)
- Love of multiple people
- Multiracial love

When you think about the stigma attached to all of these issues that have to do with love, it makes you wonder just how much your life is controlled by the lack of love in American society and politics. Love is no longer the search for virtue and truth, but this dark scary thing that must be carefully controlled lest people allow it to get out of hand.

So I say that one step toward bringing this country back to its original dream is the encouragement of all forms of consensual love. Let's bring back love as the search for virtue and truth at the same time we bring back this country as the nation of virtue and truth.

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Letters to the Editor

Recognizing Love

Dear Flyer:

And so we enter week five of this debate on gay marriage. However, by now we have already passed the date of the Mind Shrapnel 'n' Cookies debate on "The Marriage Controversy" that took place Thursday. While it still may be unresolved in the matter of people's opinions, I hope that we can start winding down this discussion as the more it goes on the more it seems to digress into more of a shouting match than an intellectual discussion where people would allow their ideals and thoughts to be challenged.

I have, so far, refrained from taking part in this discussion, mostly because I know that there are a lot of people more passionate and well spoken than I who can speak out for it. However, as of last week, it was recently stated that student Eric Colvin believes the "silent majority," those who have not yet taken sides in this argument or actively voiced their opinion, are supporting his side of this argument. If being silent means that somebody else is going to start speaking on my behalf and misrepresenting me, then I will be silent no longer. I hope others can learn this lesson as well, because one man should not be allowed to speak for or claim to represent the people.

Along those same lines, I wish to address Eric's challenge of why no one has contested his quote from Paul Nathanson, the homosexual scholar who believed marriage should be only between a man and a woman. I was hoping someone else would pick up on this in their essays but it is understandable that there were a lot of other arguments and issues to cover as well. Quite simply, just because one homosexual man

believes this to be true, does not mean he speaks for everyone in his group, nor does it mean that this automatically justifies that it should be so. Paul Nathanson does not represent the gay community, and is not the final authority in the manner even if he does claim to be a scholar on relationships.

By that same right you could just as easily say that there are many heterosexuals who *do* believe that gay marriage should be allowed. There are already many examples of such from people who have written into *The Flyer*, and even more that are actively involved in the politics, those who are trying to allow homosexuals to have the same civil rights as everyone else. This includes students, politicians and even professors.

Here I would like to go on a slight tangent to address Colvin's attack on Karen Rayne, which I believe to be an extremely misguided and unwarranted attack. I would hope that there is a much higher standard of maturity amongst college students to be able to have their own opinions and actively speak out on important and impacting issues such as this. We are no longer kids being forced to go to school and being led around by the hand of adults. We are adults, who choose to pay to come to these schools in order to challenge and further improve ourselves by working alongside our more experienced peers, the professors.

I see no reason why professors should be excluded from being able to voice their opinions on campus debates. True, it would be unfair if a teacher was directly penalizing students who did not voice and adhere to the professor's ideals, but

I have yet to see that be the case in any of the professors I have seen. In fact, I have felt encouraged to directly challenge the opinions of my professors, and have been able to submit essays and assignments as such. While the professors and I may have disagreed, they have always respected and encouraged the voicing and presentation of my opinion when done in a direct and educated manner. If I thought that professors would never be willing to challenge their students and voice their opinions alongside us, I would never pay this much money or take this much time to go to college. These people are our peers, they are people we work with in research labs and classrooms as we both continue to grow, and they are fellow citizens who should be able to voice their opinions and argue on the same playing field as we do.

Lastly I would wish to try and briefly touch upon the idea of the sanctity and wounding of marriage. It is true that in our current age, the civil union of marriage has indeed been wounded and trivialized. However the reason for this is because people no longer understand or respect the concept of love. Love has been reduced to something based on hardly anything more than physical appearance, and the concept of love at first sight has been replaced by the much more recognized Lust at first sight. A lot of people can't even tell the difference between the two.

Relationships and marriage are now portrayed and idealized in both media and practice as having little to do with anything except a couple's

sex life. Of course not everyone is this shallow, but the fact that we have close to or more than a 50 percent divorce rate speaks volumes about society. This does not even include legal separations or abusive/failing marriages that stay together due to fear of not finding anyone else or of being alone, fear of being hurt or kids being hurt, convenience of marriage status, misplaced love and naïveté in physically abusive situations, or certain religious ideals that prevent people from getting a divorce. These things show that a good portion, if not the majority, of people have little understanding and respect for love and marriage. And as far as the institution of marriage being based on the ability to have kids, any drunken teenager or ten cent whore is capable of the acts of sex and reproduction. Marriage is not simply a union provided for the convives of furthering the species, as has been so proficiently said in the other recent letters where people have brought up couples that are unable or choose not to have kids. Even if you wanted to get into the issues of gay couples raising kids, that is separate from the marriage issue, though I see no problem with that either but that is a different argument entirely I hope we don't go into right now.

The real wounding of marriage is because people no longer respect or understand the concept of love. Love doesn't have to be secluded to just a romantic nature. People are capable of loving their families, their friends, their neighbors, their peers, and even people of the same sex. The concept of civil union, which transcends various religions including ones that don't recognize or use a different

bible then you might, is based on the idea of two mature adults (preferably who aren't all ready related) that love each other and wish to share their lives together. When the government recognizes this union and offers certain benefits for it, there is a certain responsibility that they offer this right equally to people of any race, religion, and even if the two people who love each other and choose to share their lives are of the same sex. Whether or not a person approves of same sex marriage is nothing more than opinion and everyone is welcome to his/her own; however, there is a big problem when you try to use ideals and opinions to justify persecuting, penalizing or hurting others.

If I choose to get married someday, it will not be because I am doing my civic duty to procreate and increase the population, it will not be because I am afraid of not fitting in to acceptable social standards and the mold of the "traditional nuclear family," and it will not be because I am afraid of being alone. It will be because I have found someone who I genuinely and sincerely love and who I wish to spend my life with. If there are other people in the world who happen to find that person in someone of the same sex, I do not see why that should bother me. The wounding and trivialization of marriage is because people no longer know how to recognize love anymore. The fact that some people can't see love without looking past sex is just one more reason why this is so.

Nicholas Kolesar
Sophomore

Demanding equality

Dear Flyer:

In response to the many letters that have been sent to the Flyer concerning the legalization of gay marriages, I sincerely thank you for supporting and fostering the controversy that has been occurring. It is important to encourage debates on campus and promote an awareness of current national issues.

On a more personal level, I am astounded and grateful of the letters that I have read in "The Flyer" from members of the SU community. It is so encouraging to read the words

of straight students and faculty that care enough about members of another community to the degree in which they passionately expressed. I believe their voices are the ones that make the greatest impact, and for their support I am profoundly obliged.

I am also thankful that the points of view supporting Bush's amendment and his disapproving views of homosexuality have been respectful. I can appreciate these opinions, although they directly conflict with my own, because of the respect that these letters and

articles have expressed.

In response to these letters I have much to state, but I will stick to one topic and try to make this brief. Since "coming out" as a lesbian nearly four years ago, my only request has been to be treated with respect. I have always felt that people do not need to support my lifestyle or even have to agree with it. There are many individuals that lead lifestyles that others do not find acceptable, but this does not allow another to judge or persecute. The constitutional amendment that is currently under great scrutiny

would deny GLBT people rights that the rest of the nation is granted. I demand to be treated as an equal, because whether or not I am gay, transgender, bisexual, or straight, I am a person and for that reason I deserve the same rights as every other person in this country. Separate but equal didn't work the first time and we won't stand for it again. There is no opposition toward homosexuality that is not based on religious beliefs other than merely having a narrow perception of humanity. It is plain and simple, black and white; there

is no basis on which homosexual marriages should be illegal. Church and state are separate. This issue does not surround whether homosexuality is right or wrong, it is a matter of equality. Give me my rights, treat me with the respect that I deserve for being a human being, and, regardless of personal perception of homosexuality, do not allow fellow citizens to be legally oppressed.

Melissa King
BT GLASS member

Salisbury is Salisbury, and 'bury is 'bury

Dear Flyer:

Richard England has a point in asserting the usefulness of SU's community-relations initiatives. The university as a legal entity is the biggest single lobbyist for students' interests with the municipal government. While setting one of those white-and-blue police cars ablaze is, sometimes, how I would really love to counter the city's policies and tactics, I realize such actions would result in greater oppression. Both in consistent policymaking by the city government and in police tactics, which can be and are shrugged off (though it is increasingly difficult to believe the excess attention placed on students is accidental: about a year ago *The Flyer* kindly published my account of how a friend of mine got handcuffed for carrying a bottle of Coke and failing to produce an ID, while three other students were being robbed and beaten by locals a couple of blocks away).

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But would any reconciliation initiative solve anything? This is a small semi-rural town where, historically, everyone knows everyone. Even though the cultural differences between middle-to-older-aged Eastern Shore residents and 20-somethings from urban Maryland, New Jersey and New York are negligible, the demonization of the aliens not used to the aroma of chicken houses being cleaned in springtime is quick to follow when a few of them misbehave. Then, look at where we live. The relative ghettoization (meaning separation) is obvious. The fact that many of the 'hoods students moved into were already ghettos doesn't help.

All in all, Salisbury isn't ready for a college atmosphere. There are in fact two towns, living their separate lives, occasionally seeing one another in Wal-Mart and during drug deals. In my three and a half years here, practically all the locals I've

befriended were SU students. As lamentable as it is, the hooliganism (which has yet to outshine the armed-robbing/raping mischief of some locals) is an inevitable byproduct of having 6,000 undergrads within a five-mile radius. If you deny this law of nature, you shouldn't be working in education. And I doubt it is at all possible to integrate *any* student body into the local community, merely by virtue of the fact that the former are not permanent residents.

Thus, the most the "town-gown initiatives" can achieve is damage minimization. In requiem: despite being pretty well-behaved in the past three and a half years, I know that, after graduation, I'm not staying in a town which considered my presence an unwelcome nuisance. As much as I enjoyed "da 'bury," I can't imagine growing old in its disowning twin Salisbury.

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Still waiting for a reason, people

Dear Flyer:

The reason, Eric Colvin, no one addressed your cited gay man against gay marriage is because it need not be addressed. A gay man against gay marriage has no more merit than I do being straight and in favor of gay marriages. What has yet to be addressed actually is my CHALLENGE. I've listened to your case but you seem to have failed to hear mine. Listen: give me one reason, outside of religious doctrine, why two people of the same sex shouldn't

be granted equal rights provided by a legal civil union. It's important, Mr. Colvin and sympathizers, to think outside of religious doctrine because this is a secular issue no matter how much you wish it were not. For a summary of my argument see Flyer Vol.31 Issues 17 and 18 (Addressing Gay Marriage Equals Socialism, and "...And Why Not?"). I'll be listening.

Matt Evans
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Killing the notion of freedom and free thought

Dear Flyer:

I've heard both sides of the gay marriage issue and have been following the dilemma closely. After reading the second highly opinionated article submitted by Eric Colvin, I feel both violated and outraged that such a slanderous article would be permitted to be published. There is not one single fact or opinion within this article that was either A: not mentioned in his first article or B: directly assaulting the integrity of Karen Rayne.

In his article, Colvin first states that he was "labeled" for his beliefs about gay marriage and conservatives. He claims to be falsely labeled "ignorant,...narrow-minded, Conservative Christian crap,... [a] homophobe," etc. due to "misinterpretation of his Republican beliefs". Well, unfortunately for Colvin, if you support a law that discriminates against a people, you are ignorant, narrow-minded, and most likely (if those people you are discriminating against are homosexuals) conservatively Christian. I doubt if you would find many knowledgeable, open-minded, liberals (Christian or not) who would support such a law.

After making pretty elementary logical mistakes in his first long column, Colvin ran out of an argument and resorted to attacking the character of his accusers, namely professor Karen Rayne. These are the sort of games that people without a leg to stand on resort to when they run out of reasons to write. He could have ended his article with *some* dignity, but instead he chose to criticize Karen Rayne for criticizing him. She didn't chose to write to *The Daily Times* because she was responding to his article, not one in *The Daily Times*. She also wrote

because she, like most faculty on this campus, care about the student body of this school and hope to see them excel in all that they pursue. If she hadn't hoped to persuade some students that it is better to keep an open mind than not to, she wouldn't have written at all. And as for her legitimacy in writing in as a faculty member, she is as much a part of this community as we are and we must remember and respect that our professors aren't simply here to lecture us about vocations.

I wish to address Colvin personally when I say to him "Shame on you, sir" for your ignorance into the nature of democracy. You bemoan the growing liberalism found "running rampant" in the realm of modern Academia. I guess it is a growing concern if you believe that "true thinkers" recycle the ideas of the past. If you really knew what you were talking about, you'd understand that being liberal means being open to new ideas, possibly even encouraging people to *think for themselves*.

Finally, you claim to be singled out and persecuted for your beliefs as a right-wing conservative Republican. Well, forgive me if I'm wrong, but isn't that funny? I mean that someone whose party beliefs necessarily discriminate against non-white, non-male, non-wealthy, non-straight, non-conservative, non-Christian peoples must find it odd to be discriminated against by anyone, let alone by those he would wish to keep down. Don't cry foul on discrimination when conservative Republican Christians are the ones setting policy and killing the notion of freedom and free thought.

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Faculty letters discourage students

Dear Flyer:

In response to Eric Colvin's article in the March 8 edition of *The Flyer* I would have to say that I agree with Colvin when he says that Republican students are at a disadvantage. As a Republican myself, and a new student to Salisbury, I am sometimes afraid to debate in class, or to say what I really believe. This is not because I am worried about being able to support my beliefs, but rather I am worried about the looks that I will get from the professor, who usually has different beliefs than mine. I do not think that it is bad for instructors to be liberal, and it does force the conservative students to think, which I do appreciate. However, when a professor teaches that liberalism is the only way, that is what I have a problem with. For liberal ideas are nothing more than opinions. Similarly, my conservative ideas are nothing more than my opinions. A student should not be judged or afraid to

express his or her beliefs and/or opinions in class discussion. This is why the student should never know the instructor's true beliefs. The professor should take different sides during different debates to challenge both the liberal and conservative students.

I would have to say that I also agree with Colvin about faculty writing to the editor of *The Flyer*. I noticed that there was a message saying that anyone could write in, but they should be students, faculty and the members of the Salisbury community. Why was someone from Utah writing in? Although the faculty is technically allowed to write in, it does discourage students. If not all students, it definitely discouraged me from writing in on the issue of gay marriage. I happen to be against gay marriage, but if I were to write a letter to the editor about my opinion, I would be putting myself in the hands of being criticized by faculty not only for my ideas, but

for the way I write my ideas as well. Also, if faculty is allowed to write in, then why underneath the title on the front page does it say "Salisbury University's Student Voice?" That is exactly what *The Flyer* should be, the student's voice, and therefore only written by students.

To the faculty that has written in to *The Flyer* in the past, please take this to heart. It took me a lot of courage to be able to express my viewpoint on this issue as a conservative student. I am hoping that Salisbury will not be a repeat of the school that I recently transferred from, a school where conservative students are not supposed to show their viewpoints in news articles nor in class discussion. This article was not meant to offend anyone's ideas or beliefs, but simply a request of some to express their ideas elsewhere.

Belinda J. Smith
Sophomore

The hypocrisy of discriminators

Dear Flyer:

As a student, an American, a member and supporter of BTGLASS, I've been following the recent *Letters to the Editor* regarding gay marriage. I've held my tongue until now. I think that Eric Colvin's response in the March 8 issue is both laughable and a cop-out. His argument is a silly attempt to distract from his original editorial, which was met with overwhelming criticism.

Colvin spends the majority of his piece criticizing professor Karen Rayne. She is an English faculty member who did not agree with him and pointed out his flaws, both logical and grammatical. He doesn't see why Rayne would feel the need to write in to *The Flyer*. As a professor and a parent of two college students, she is as much a part of this campus community as any student. She wrote to *The Flyer* and not *The Daily Times* because it was a response to Colvin's editorial, which was printed in *The Flyer* and not *The Daily Times*. Personally, I was glad to see faculty interest in our often lacking student newspaper and I somehow doubt Colvin would have issues with a faculty response in *The Flyer*, had that faculty agreed with him.

As far as "overwhelming liberalism," perhaps you are confusing "overwhelming liberalism" with "open-minded thinking." Colvin states that the growing liberalism is a threat to campuses nationwide and even implies that conservative students will fail classes taught by liberals, if they choose to hold true to their conservative beliefs. This is ludicrous. The issue here is not whether or not you are liberal, and it's whether or not you are *thinking*. There is a big difference here. This semester is my sixth here at Salisbury University and I have never been penalized in a class for my beliefs, conservative, liberal or otherwise. It's been my experience that most professors are trying to show students what else is out there, and allow them to form their own opinions after being presented with the facts. If you are holding onto your conservative beliefs, without considering the possibility of alternatives, then yes, I would imagine you would encounter problems in some classes.

At his conclusion, Colvin pleads for liberal-conservative diversity. It's kind of ironic how Colvin argues how unfair it is for him as a conservative Republican, being singled out and persecuted as a

minority by liberal Democratic professors. That's funny, I'll bet the homosexuals, whom he disagrees with and wishes to strip rights from, feel the same way. What's the word I'm looking for here—hypocritical?

Finally, whether you are gay or not you have to accept the facts; the US government is trying to pass an amendment to the Constitution that promotes discrimination. That should concern us all. I refer you to the well-known quote attributed to the Rev. Martin Niemöller:

"First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Socialists and the trade unionists, but I was neither so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not speak out. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out for me."

As citizens of the most prosperous nation in the world, we should all be concerned. Which of our personal freedoms will be next? Hopefully it won't be one intimately important to you. And if it is, I certainly hope someone is willing to fight for you.

Shana O'Brien
Junior

Better comparison: Dan Quayle?

Dear Flyer:

First off, I'd like to say that my letter was in no way a jab at President Dudley-Eshbach. I'm just distressed that our president is forced to pander to a city government that obviously doesn't care about her students. Furthermore, I wasn't accusing the police of breaking the law, I was stating that they had, and I want to state that in general the police were quite agreeable and not all overzealous in their treatment of students. Now I'll admit my relating "4 to 2" to the holocaust was a little extreme. However it is the same idea: the persecution of a minority group. Also, I at no time claimed that the economic importance of the school or the students is an excuse for any of the criminal activities that Dr. England used for examples of student behavior.

I don't know where Dr. England lives, but I don't believe I've seen any streets in Salisbury "strewn with shattered bottles and vomit, and nights pierced by screams and swearing." It sounds to me like a little bit of exaggeration. I agree that senior citizens shouldn't be threatened with death, nor should people be allowed to throw bottles through windows. However, these incidents should be treated as any other crime would, not used to persecute innocent people. By the way, what exactly does "4 to 2" solve? Let's see if I can figure out the logic being used by Dr. England and the city council. By raising rental prices and making the students bitter, they will endear themselves to the students and end all conflicts between students and their neighbors. This will apparently also put a stop to partying, not to mention the constant barrage of death threats to senior citizens and the overwhelming amount of vomit lining our city streets. Man, the city council must be a lot smarter than I am, because I just can't follow that logic. I've got it! Instead of having the police bust parties, once everyone is packed into University Park they can just wait for the rioting to start and unleash the dogs and shoot us

all with rubber bullets. Gee, that sounds like a great idea. OK, enough sarcasm, but honestly, how does anything the city council is doing "deal with the underlying problem"?

I personally appreciated that Dr. England admitted that "most students respect their neighbors" and went on to talk about student volunteer work and so on. I enjoyed even more when he said that "these facts are wholly unconnected with the behavior of a few students who choose to disregard laws..." THANK YOU! You made my point for me! Simply because a few of the students are bad apples, should everyone that attends school here be punished by raising our cost of living? How about this, if a professor is caught driving while intoxicated, we cut the salaries of all professors in half. That would solve the problem of professors driving drunk, right? If we follow the logic of "4 to 2" then yes, it would. I do believe that the majority of the community isn't anti-student, however I do believe that the majority of the city council is anti-student. I apologize for relating the city government to Nazi Germany; it was a tad extreme. I think a better comparison would be Dan Quayle, most definitely not a malevolent person, but good lord is he dumb. The kind of logic the city government uses when it enacts programs such as "4 to 2" can only be described as retarded. If they really wanted to create a good relationship between students and neighbors they wouldn't be trying to move us out of the neighborhoods.

Once again, I'm not trying to further the rift between students and the Salisbury community. I'd just appreciate it if we could be treated like everyone else instead of being pigeonholed as miscreants due to the actions of a minority of students. If the city government wants to protect its citizens from the drunken murderers that are SU students, how about using a little common sense and punish the ones causing the problems, not everyone.

Aaron Neal

The Feed

Conspiracy Theories

The Madrid bombings happened precisely 911 days after 9/11...Coincidence?

Politics and Education

Just for the record I'd like to say that anyone who says, "My professor gave me a bad grade because I was a liberal" needs to go join the kids in grade school who say, "My teacher gave me an F because she doesn't like me." You get what you earn. Sure, there are probably some instances where that isn't true, but really, it's rare. If you get an "F" chances are, it's your own damn fault and you should stop whining about how the teacher gave you that "F" because you are a Republican.

Also, may I just point out that perhaps the reason so many institutions of higher education are supposedly liberal is because these are the places where educated

people gather. Maybe liberalism is just a by-product of a higher amount of education. After all, isn't it the higher educated that have read Locke, Mill, Franklin, etc? And isn't it these same people who have thought about these ideas and discussed them and then decided that being a liberal really isn't such a bad thing? Not to sound uppity or anything, but if we put so much stock in being educated, and if the majority of the educated think that it's okay for two guys to get married, then maybe it's not such a bad thing after all.

Why the hell do people have problems when faculty members express their opinions? If the teachers agreed with them, I'm sure it would be just fine.

I think the school needs to have some sort of massive videogame competition. Think about it for a

second. There could be Counter-Strike playing, a Super Mario Kart tournament and even perhaps a little bit of the old Power Pad long jump, complete with cheating by jumping off the pad.

Life In General

It has truly been one of a wonderful few weeks.

Despite common belief, I do not feel that all robots are inherently evil, especially those that can break dance. If one, even a robot, can do the Zero Gravity, I find it hard to believe they want to kill us all.

People need to keep their drama out of the workplace.

Eric, I hope you find the man of your dreams one day.

Seagulls are truly one of God's most magnificent creatures.

Thursday, March 18

- University Park Satellite Dining last night open (5:30-9:30 p.m.)
- Gull's Nest Pub last night open (4-11 p.m.)

Friday, March 19

- Caruthers, Henson & Fulton Satellite Dining close at 2 p.m.
- Cool Beans closes at 3 p.m.
- The Gull's Nest closes at 3 p.m.
- The Commons closes at 3:30 p.m.

Spring Break Closing Schedule

Sunday, March 28

- The Commons open for dinner (4:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Cool Beans open Noon-Midnight
- The Gull's Nest open 5 p.m.-Midnight

Spring Break Hours (March 22-26)

- Commons open for lunch in the Bistro (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) & for breakfast on March 24 & 25 only from 7-8:30 a.m. Dining Dollars, Gull Card & cash will be accepted!
- Cool Beans will be open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (M-F)

Overheard: "What are your Spring Break plans?"

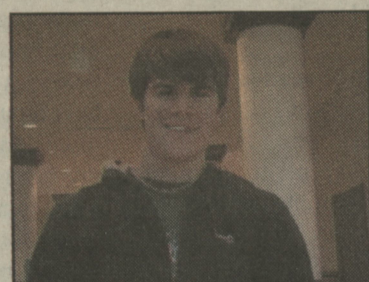
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Staff Writer

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"Going to Myrtle Beach with my roommates."

Carrie Tragert
Sarah Karwacki



"Going to New York City for a day."

Tom Limmer



"Going home and relaxing with my family."

Wala-Neh Labala



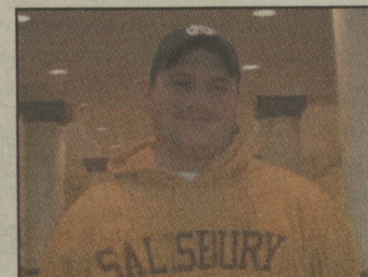
"I'm going to Cancun with my three awesome roomies."

Noel Gardner



"Going to Florida with my friend."

Emily Doxzon



"Doing nothing, relaxing."

Ken Bowen



"I'm going to San Diego with my girlfriends."

Jennifer Halterman



"Invade an abandoned mental institution, buy a new car, hang out in Baltimore, then road trip it."

Shelby Hays
Ellie Somers

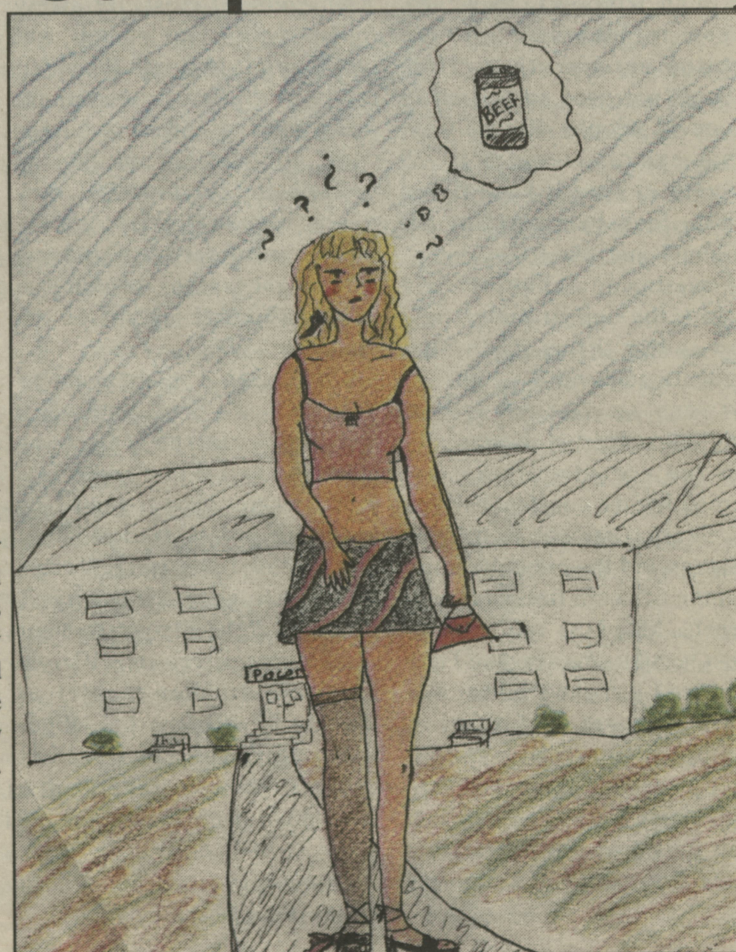
The Flyer Presents...Real Campus Heroes, Part 8: *Ms. Walk of Shame Girl*

By: John Heath & Matt Dewhurst
Features Editor & Staff Writer

Today we salute you, Ms. Walk of Shame Girl. As an affront to any feminist, you walk the campus quad at 9 a.m., wearing the same thing as the night before...You skulk trying to blend in with the rest of the PJ-wearing students, as your spray-on tan stands out more than your outfit does...With bags under your eyes and hair done up Jersey style, but with a used lightly-colored prophylactic as a garnish, you attempt to figure out how you lost just one of your thigh-highs, and you wonder where that smell is coming from...One can't tell whether the rouge on your cheeks is from makeup or sheer embarrassment...You slyly make your way back to your dorm,

desperately trying to avoid being seen by anyone else... Even if you insist it was a late night study fest, your backwards blouse tells everyone otherwise...We consider you our inter-dormitory diplomat; making new relations with the neighboring dorm is a piece of cake for you, and your able-bodied public relations capabilities are an inspiration to us all...like an SU dormitory cartographer, there is not one corner of Pocomoke or one inch of Wicomico Hall in which you don't know the most comfortable sleeping position...Though you were once just a coy freshman, you transformed into the SU emblem of student affairs...You make the thong sticking out of your shoe a fashion statement, as the look on

your face tells all...Those quick to judge might think you're just easy, but we really know that you're simply doing your part to spread your kindred spirit throughout the student body...You give all of us hope that maybe one day we too will get a Thursday night visit, only to wake up watching you scurry out the door, with a hangover and a cereal bar as your only keepsakes from the previous night...Your wounded pride and complete and utter lack of self-respect shows us how lucky and confident we really are...So crack open a frigid Smirnoff Ice, Ms. Walk of Shame Girl, because you might not know what you did last night, but we do.



Drawing by Carla Pini; Layout Editor

Dork Corner Movie Review: "Secret Window"

By Brian Zitzelman
A&E Editor

There is pretty much one reason why anyone is going to spend money at the theatre for "Secret Window." That reason, of course, is Johnny Depp. Sure, the movie is the latest release based on the writings of Stephen King and some are hyping it as the big breakout picture for director and writer David Koepp, but there is no reason to deny that the true reason is Depp. As expected, he does not disappoint.

Coming off arguably his most successful year in his acting career, complete with his largest grossing film to date and an Oscar nomination, "Secret Window" is the first starring role for Depp since the world decided to finally realize he is one of the most talented actors today. In the movie Depp is Mort Rainey, a writer who has secluded himself in his cabin home in the mountains.

Rainey and his wife are going through a few marital problems and he goes off to write a new novel, struggling to find words to put down. Rainey's attempts at

accusation, much to the anger of Shooter, who is quick to deal out threats to the writer. All of this happens within the first ten minutes of "Secret Window," setting the

pace for the film at the beginning and compelling viewers to stay on their toes from then on.

The movie falls heavily upon the performance of Depp, who is more than up

to the challenge. Depp brings a nice blend of paranoia and defensiveness to the role of Rainey, fleshing him out with each scene. The problems the character is having with his wife, also convincingly played by Maria Bello, leads to a broad range of emotions which allow

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Johnny Depp stars as Mort Rainey, a novelist whose book gets him involved in mystery.

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An ode to Bob Saget

By Megan Igoo
Staff Writer

Bob Saget, or as I like to refer to him, Danny Tanner, essentially made my childhood. He was the father from "Full House," the host of "America's Funniest Home Videos" and I hear even a comedian. "Full House" was a big hit for Bob and, quite frankly, his worst hit. Till the poor man dies he will be known as the compulsively neat, widower and father of three, Danny Tanner.

Danny, I mean, Bob's career was doomed from the start of his "Full House" days. He must have had all the forces of evil working against him, considering in the past years his only acting gigs have been as a cocaine addict in "Half-baked" and random cameos for television

and a few movies. Without fail, every time I see the poor guy, I think that it is "Danny." So I have compiled several reasons why Bob gets on my nerves.

1. HE CLEANED ALL THE TIME. People have the right to be cleanly but if a person is dusting the fake plants then he or she should seek professional help.

2. Those "funniest home videos" are only good the first time you watch them, after that it is just sad. I mean, how dumb do people have to be to get their hair stuck in the dishwasher?

3. His jokes are not funny. During the "Full House" years, Bob really had to deal with some shady writers. Granted they are writing for a younger audience,

BUT they still stink.

4. He is way too good at playing the "mom" of the family.

5. Danny was always a little hard on the kids. Whether it be for breaking curfew, getting their ears pierced or not kissing him goodbye in front of their friends, the poor kids were always in trouble.

Bob is not such a bad guy; he just made a few bad decisions. "Full House" was a show that many people watched religiously and sadly still do, considering it comes on five million times a day. Danny Tanner was the TV dad that



Danny Tanner - er, Bob Saget is super cool. Sort of.

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made children happy when their dad took the passive route to raising them and appears to be stuck with that stigma for all time.

Box Office Results

March 12-14

1. "The Passion of the Christ"

31.66 mil. 264.04 mil.

2. "Secret Window"

19.00 mil. 19.00 mil.

3. "Starsky and Hutch"

16.01 mil. 51.43 mil.

4. "Hidalgo"

11.70 mil. 35.50 mil.

5. "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London"

8.00 mil. 8.00 mil.



(Weekend/Total)

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Apr. 2-4

"The Lord of the Rings" Trilogy

2: 7 p.m. CH

3: 3 and 8 p.m. CH

4: 7 and 10 p.m. GUC

Apr. 16-18

"The Last Samurai"

16: 7 p.m. CH

17: 3 and 8 p.m. GUC

18: 7 and 10 p.m. GUC

Apr. 23-25

"Big Fish"

23: 7 p.m. CH

24: 3 and 8 p.m. CH

25: 7 and 10 p.m. GUC

FCC cracks down on obscenity

By David Raley
Staff Writer

The Federal Communications Commission is making life increasingly risky for celebrities and media networks who challenge obscenity laws. Various individuals and media corporations have come under fire from the FCC in recent months for pushing the limits of decency, whether on television or over the radio.

Under FCC rules, broadcasters cannot air obscene material at any time or indecent programming between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. However, the controversial distinctions between what is acceptable, indecent and obscene are under national debate.

Perhaps the most drastic example of FCC retaliation to date this year

was set off by the "wardrobe malfunction" that occurred during the Super Bowl halftime special. FCC chairman Michael Powell was viewing the special with his family when Justin Timberlake exposed Janet Jackson's breast at the end of the halftime musical performance. Reportedly, Powell was outraged by the incident.

Though the exposure of Jackson's breast was allegedly an accident, the performers have claimed that a partial removal of Jackson's breastplate was planned after the final halftime show rehearsals — over the heads of the networks and thereby saving MTV and CBS from blame. Powell believed the incident was intentional and has ordered an investigation.

If found guilty, over 200 of the networks' affiliates could be fined \$27,500 each. In addition to television, the FCC is also cracking down on obscenity over the radio airwaves. Howard Stern, the self-proclaimed "King of Media," has recently been targeted by the FCC. In fact, the raunchy Stern Show is in danger of cancellation.

Clear Channel Communications, a syndicate to the Stern Show, paid a \$75,000 fine to the FCC last month for indecent material aired by several of its stations. Clear Channel has since yanked Stern from stations in 8 major cities across the nation. Reportedly, the suspension will last until the Stern Show begins respecting decency guidelines.

"There's a cultural war going

on," said Stern to CNN.com. "The religious right is winning. We're losing. It's over, the show is over."

Contrary to Stern's statement, supporters of more liberal decency guidelines for the media have recently scored a victory. After Bono, lead singer of the band U2, caused a stir by saying the F-word at the Golden Globes, the FCC Enforcement Bureau ruled that Bono's language was not obscene. Since Bono used the word as an adjective and not to describe a sexual act, they decided that there was no legitimate obscenity to it.

For many media networks, paying fines to the FCC is considered a routine order of business. The attitude of the media has prompted Powell to suggest increasing fines ten times over,

which may create a more intimidating deterrent for obscenity.

Another large issue at stake in the FCC's crackdown on obscenity is the threat to America's First Amendment rights. While the FCC does support free speech, controversy arises over where to draw the line on what is acceptable freedom of expression and what is unacceptable for children to see and hear. Furthermore, a "chill effect" has been created. This is the concept that when one celebrity or network sees another being penalized by the FCC for pushing the limits, they in turn feel less inclined to exercise their freedom of expression.

The Overlooked: "Alias"

By: Justin Hennaut
Staff Writer

She goes from Los Angeles to Denpassar, from dodging landmines in the Arkhangelsk Forest to blowing up a building in Badenweiler, from fighting men twice her size in Havana to an underground tunnel in Siberia. She does all that then returns home to friends who think she is a banker. Welcome to the life of Sydney Bristow, the main character in the television show "Alias," one of the most overlooked shows on television. The show stars Jennifer Garner as a CIA operative fighting global organized crime.

The first season began with Sydney being recruited out of college to a group called SD-6, which she was told was a secret, off the books division of the CIA. The group was led by Arvin Sloane, who was part of a bigger group called The Alliance of 12. SD-6 was one of the 12 SD divisions working in weapons trade and espionage posing as the US government. The group operated

through a front company, Credit Dauphine, and its agents had covers as bankers and financial analysts. The number one rule was secrecy, so when Sydney told her fiancé, Danny, Sloane had him killed. When she tried to quit and they went after her, she realized she wasn't working for the CIA. She

went to the only people who could help her take down SD-6 and for the

rest of the season she worked as a double agent for SD-6 and the CIA, giving the CIA information about SD-6 and going on missions to counterattack SD-6 missions. Her CIA handler was a man named Michael Vaughn. Throughout the season there was an underlying love interest between the two of them.

Enter season two, where Sydney soon discovered that her mother, Irina, who she had thought was a schoolteacher and turned out to be a KGB agent, is not dead. In another twist it was revealed that her mother killed Vaughn's father. Not far into the season Irina turned

herself over to the CIA and wanted to cooperate. Sydney's father, Jack, wanted nothing to do with Irina, but Sydney decided to work with her to bring down SD-6. Eventually Irina earned enough trust to go on missions with Sydney and Jack. So the three of them went on missions together. Eventually the CIA got Intel, and they were able to bring down all 12 of the SD cells. Sloane, however, escaped and his capture became the main priority of the CIA. When the opportunity presented itself, the CIA sent Irina to meet with Sloane, a ruse allowing them both to remain on the loose. Eventually at the end of the season Irina met with Sydney and told her, "Truth takes time."

In the last episode of the season, Sydney found out that her best friend, Francie, had been killed and cloned to spy on her. They got into a gunfight, and

Sydney woke up two years later in Hong Kong with no memory of the past years. The CIA thought she was dead.

Her mission in season three is to

because Sloane is now a humanitarian working with the CIA as a double agent inside the Covenant. The question remains whether or not he can be trusted.

Sydney's former boyfriend, Vaughn, got married to an NSA agent during the two years she was missing, and now all three of them work out of the same office. Things get even more hectic as it is revealed that Vaughn's wife is a double agent with the Covenant and wants nothing more than to see Sydney in a body bag.

"Alias" has a little bit of everything: murder, spying, sex and drama. The show earns respectable ratings each week but has never really caught on big. However, with seasons one and two on DVD

and TNT picking up "Alias" in syndication, there has never been a better time to jump into the "Alias" adventure.



"Alias" stars Jennifer Garner as Sydney Bristow a grad student who leads a double life as an international spy.

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Weekly Reality Review

By: Justin Hennaut
Staff Writer

This weekly column will keep you up to date with all your favorite reality shows. If you missed a show, this is the place to look for your information. WARNING: The following *does* contain spoilers!

This week on "Survivor"...In a combined immunity and reward challenge that required the teams to collect puzzle pieces from the water, build a boat with them, take that boat to shore, run into the jungle to collect paddles, then take the boat back to sea, Chapera won in a close contest. Mogo-Mogo gave it a valiant effort, but Ethan lost it for them in the jungle struggling to untie the paddles. The challenge gave Chapera both immunity and the reward of a day on a 94 foot luxury yacht. The twist, Chapera got to bring one member of Mogo-Mogo along with them who would be immune from tribal council. Chapera quickly selected Kathy to join them. While on board the boat they were treated to a BBQ, deserts and open bar. Chapera welcomed Kathy like she was one of them and they all danced and sang in celebration of their victory. Meanwhile, back at camp, with tensions rising between Jerry and Shi Ann, Colby plotted to kick off Jerry. The plan seemed foolproof, four votes to one; however, Lex had something else in mind when he talked to Jerry and Shi Ann. They decided Colby was too powerful, and he had to go before a merge. So at tribal council

in a three to two vote Colby was sent packing.

This week on "The Apprentice"...with Omarosa fired, team Protégé was down to three members, Kwame, Heidi and Troy. The teams met The Donald in front of the famous Plaza Hotel for details on their next task. They were to manage one shift of a pedicab company; the company with the most money at the end of an eight-hour shift would win. With Troy as project manager for Protégé and Bill as project manager for Versacorp, each team met for a brainstorming session. After the discussion, team Protégé decided to sell prepaid ride cards and Versacorp decided to sell advertising for the back of the cabs. However, during Versacorp's meeting Katrina's ideas were constantly shot down by Bill. Later, Katrina spoke up to Bill and said she resented being used for her looks. After the shift, they met with Donald in the boardroom to find out the winner. Troy knew his team was in for bad news. Team Versacorp won \$3,680 to Protégé's \$382, and Donald ripped Protégé for their severe loss. With Versacorp winning a yacht tour of New York, Protégé prepared for the boardroom. There, The Donald asked Troy to select one person to come back into the boardroom with him and to send one person to safety in the suite. He selected Heidi because of his agreement with Kwame. Ultimately, The Donald thought Heidi had never stepped up to be a leader and she was fired.

This week on "American Idol"...with eight of the 12 finalists selected, it was time for 12 other contestants to come back for the wild card slots. At the beginning of the show, it was announced that of the 12 people selected to come back only eight would be allowed to sing. The decision of who performed was based on the pre-show rehearsals. When they get to the announcements, each contestant stood center stage to await the verdict. In the end it was Matt, Katie, Jennifer, George, Elizabeth, Leah, Jon Peter and Suzy. Hands down the best performance of the night was Jennifer who sang "I Believe In You and Me." The next night's results show, which was dragged out for an hour, started with a performance by last year's winner Ruben Studdard singing "Sorry 2004." When it came time for the picks, Randy chose Jennifer, Paula selected Leah and Simon decided on George. Jon Peter, who won 22 percent of the public vote, also made it into the finals. Jon Peter sang to us before the credits, giving us what we had all been waiting for...those dance moves.

This week on "The Inferno"...still on a high from two wins in a row, the Real World team was ready to face the Road Rules team again. In the house, with tensions rising between Julie and Coral, Julie spoke to Syrus about her issues. Syrus warned Julie about getting into a fight with Coral. In the challenge called "The Ultimate Saturn Road Trip" the teams climbed up a net to retrieve a bag, searched the bag for a key to a Saturn and drove the car past the finish line. In a clean sweep, Road Rules won and took the 10 grand, bringing their total to \$40,000. At the meeting, Road Rules decided to put up Katie and Christina so that Christina would go into the Inferno and kick butt. Over in the Real World house things heated up when Coral decided to put up herself and Mallory. Julie spoke out because she knew Coral was only putting herself up because the other team was guaranteed to pick Mallory. In the end, the teams chose Christina and Mallory, which is not a good situation for either of them because they are friends, but they are being good sports and are ready to take on the Inferno next week.

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A Wish Your Head Makes: Chapter Four

By Jason Welch

I swing the car door open with my left hand as I grab my suitcase with my right. I press the door lock button as I rise out of my seat and slam the car door. I shuffle between two black vans parked in front of the building and lunge forward with a stiff arm toward one of the tinted glass doors. I accelerate in speed, now leaning forward to increase my momentum. A large thud emanates from the door as I ricochet off of it.

Now laying on my back I let out a small groan, more from the humiliation and the direction that my day is going than from the pain of the impact. After a moment of lying still I sit up and I take a quick look around to make sure no one saw my moment of stupidity. Not a soul in the parking lot. Through the tinted windowpane of the door I can see the person at the front desk talking to several men in identical suits. None of them seemed to notice my blunder. Gaining my composure and nerves, as well as my balance, I take a deep breath and grasp the door's handle bar and pull. The door opens and I strut casually inside.

The lobby is a massive room of mostly empty space. It is absurdly large for the function it serves. The walls and floor are both covered in an aqua blue marble. The ceiling is about thirty feet high and painted

a similar color, with recess lighting riddled throughout like stars in a greenish blue sky. There is a recess in the back wall where four elevators wait to transport personnel to their perspective occupational division. The door on the left wall leads to the huge cafeteria that was recently built to give the workforce a wide variety of food to choose from and prevent workers from leaving during their lunch break. The door on the right wall leads to the smokers' herding pen.

To accommodate the large amount of personnel who need a cancer stick fix every few hours, Protech has devised this air vacuum room where they can smoke indoors, thereby avoiding the outside elements. The downside is that the fans in the room that suck all of the cigarette smoke out are far from a quiet soothing hum. You can enjoy your addiction on your own, but if you want to converse with fellow smokers, you have to do it at a roaring level.

The wall now behind me is made of tinted glass on either side of the entranceway, with chairs lined up against it for any visitors of the complex to sit and wait to be checked in at the front desk by an employee. The front desk, positioned in the far left corner of the room, is a quarter of a circle covered with a deep blue carpet right up to the oak top overhang in

which the pale, stout, balding security guard leans on as he looks over his thick glasses at a group of eight men dressed in similar black suits. The guard appears almost as frustrated as the suited men, who don't seem to be getting what they want.

The security guard's job is to make sure that everyone who enters the building is authorized to do so. Every employee at Protech is given a picture ID card, which he or she flashes to the guard on the way to the elevator. Of course the picture couldn't be seen by the half blind security guard at the distance when someone would pass, but the large blue Protech symbol on the card would let the guard know it was the real deal.

I reach down to where my ID card is normally clipped to my pants and notice that today it is not. Even though the security guard sees me every business day and more than likely remembers my face, I would still get into a lot of trouble for not having my pass with me, in addition to the trouble I'll be in for being late to work yet again. On the other hand, there are a million people working in this building, and my face is in no way exceptional enough to stand out in a crowd of a million. Perhaps he won't recognize me at all and think that I am some imposter trying the sneak into the building to steal Protech secrets for my communist

organization.

Lucky for me the guard is so preoccupied with the business men in front of him that he doesn't seem to notice me. As I head for the elevators, I continue the motion of retrieving my ID card and hold up an empty palm just in case the guard sees me out of the corner of his eye. Heading toward the elevator I think of what will happen if I am spotted entering the building without an ID card. The guard could recognize me and send me on my way with a chuckle. Fat chance. With the way he is handling the suited men, he could say, "No card, no entry," and that would be that.

I would have to climb back into my malodorous vehicle and head home with my tail between my legs. After several occurrences of me being late to work, I go AWOL for a day. That night I get a phone call from Ms. Vitello saying, "Since you don't like coming into work, Mr. Smith, why don't we make it permanent. Don't bother coming to Protech again."

"But ma'am I was actually at work today. I had forgotten my ID card and that asshole at the front desk wouldn't let me go to work."

"That's funny. I was meeting some clients of ours in the lobby at around eight o'clock. We were chatting in the lobby for about an hour before we made our way to the meeting room. I don't recall

seeing you enter the building at all while I was there or I would have surely let you get by without a card."

"Well, see, that's the thing. My alarm kind of didn't go off this morning and I was a few hours late getting to work."

"I see. So not only were you late to work, *again*, but you were additionally irresponsible in forgetting your ID card. Well, I'm sorry Francis, but I think we need workers who are more responsible and can get to work, prepared and on time, every day. And besides, even if that security guard did let you by, you couldn't have gotten up to our floor without your ID card."

As I approached the far left elevator so that I may lean against the wall of the recess and hide from security guard, I realized it was true. In order get to my floor, I would need my ID card. I stare down at the lit call button and then up at the LED screen above the door. It read 13. The elevator was already close to the ground floor.

What am I going to do when it gets here?

I can't head back to my car to check for my ID.

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10. If it's not there then I would have to risk being seen by the guard again when I reenter.

9. Asking the guard to give me access to my floor is out of the question.

8. I mean it's not like we are close in any way.

7. I don't even say hi to him when I enter the building.

6. I wonder if there is a stairway around here I could take.

5. That probably requires an ID card with even more authorization than I have.

4. When the elevator gets here I'm just going to walk in and stand there like a jack ass.

3. I am toast.

2. I hear McDonalds is hiring for a manager position. That couldn't be all that bad.

1. "Hey Frank!" I am so f****d. The sound of my name sends chills down my spine.

Kat's Rant of the Week

By Kat Hess
Staff Writer

One thing that bothers me is when people claim to be a big fan of someone or something and really aren't. One main example is Mr. Johnny Depp. I've been a fan of him since "Edward Scissorhands," and before I actually ever found him attractive. I've noticed that recently, since "Pirates of the Caribbean" came out, more and more people are claiming to be "his biggest fan." That doesn't bother me nearly as much as the girls who post online, "OMG! I LOVE

JOHNNY BECAUSE HE'S SOOO HAWT!!!!!!". Don't get me wrong, I joke about how hot he is and everything, but underneath the joking, he's an amazing actor. I used to put Russell Crowe above him, but the more I think about it, the more I want to make him my favorite actor of all time. I've seen 24 of his films. The man has made around 26. One of them isn't released in America. Being someone's "biggest" fan is about appreciating their work, their talent, not knowing everything about their personal life, or loving them for their hottie factor.

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SU police teach women how to fight back

By: Tiffany Chestnut
Staff Writer

With the recent publicity regarding sexual assaults and rapes in the Salisbury area, more females have been seeking information on how to protect themselves and prevent attacks both in and around campus. Yet they need not look any further than the campus police department, and more specifically Sgt. Cinda Howell of the SU Police.

For several years, Howell has given instruction through the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program to women interested in learning not only self-defense techniques but also rape prevention techniques. Howell provides a wealth of tips on everything from general safety to being a survivor of rape or sexual assault. In an information meeting last Thursday on the RAD program, she touched on all of the above.

Howell first addressed the common belief that women are safer on campus than off. "The campus is like any other place in this country," said Howell. "Do not make the mistake of thinking that nothing bad will happen [on campus]. Crime is committed here every day."

When it comes to preventing an assault, Howell stressed the

importance of using common sense tactics, the resources available, as well as a confident demeanor, which could deter potential attackers. "Do not walk or jog alone after dark," she said. "Take advantage of the escort and Safe Ride services the university offers. When at home, keep doors and windows locked, and keep curtains closed at night. Also be aware of your surroundings; walk with your head up, and make eye contact with people who approach you. The look of confidence discourages an attacker. Most attackers are looking for an easy target."

According to Howell, it is most important for women to consider the dangers of alcohol consumption, as it is most often the means an attacker uses to create an opportunity for a sexual assault or rape. "The use of alcohol and drugs drastically [affects] poor decision-making and judgment, leaving you vulnerable," she said. Vulnerability is one thing a potential attacker looks for in a victim. "The most important thing that you can do is to not give him the opportunity to attack," Howell said.

In addition to watching the amount of alcohol consumed, Howell also urged females not to accept drinks from anyone or to

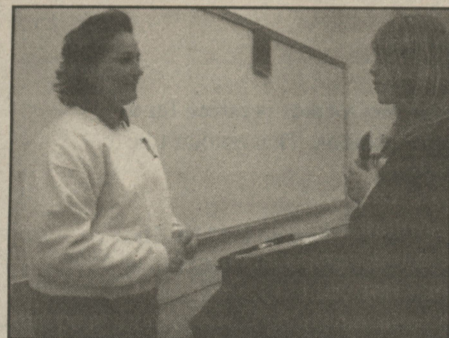
leave a drink unattended for any period of time. Assaults may seek to render their victim vulnerable by using date rape drugs such as rohypnol (also known as roofies) in a drink—alcohol could as much as triple the effect of the drug.

"Most rapes are committed by someone known to the victim," she said. "The attacker is not that stereotypical 'bad guy' or 'stranger'. [He is] most likely the 'nice guy', who you know."

Howell also suggested methods to avoid uncomfortable situations. "Use your instinct," she said. "If something doesn't seem right, it usually isn't. Intended victims will be isolated, and the attack is subtle at first, but [it] may escalate with only passive resistance."

In addition, Howell outlined a few tips on what to do should a female be attacked. "If you need to fight back, strike vulnerable locations—anything central on the body, including the face, abdomen, tops of the feet, groin, and even the shins—and more than anything,

avoid panic," said Howell. She also



Sgt. Cinda Howell instructs a RAD student.

Photo by Contessa Crisostomo

anything in your mouth or otherwise destroy valuable evidence on or in your body," she said.

"If possible," she added, "have the police take you to the hospital for medical treatment."

The importance of medical treatment actually serves several purposes: to check for possible injuries, an unwanted pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases and to collect evidence, which should be done as soon as possible. In addition, a victim can and should ask for a rape crisis counselor or advocate, not only for support but also for help in understanding the procedures and examinations.

One of the best measures to take to avoid such a situation, as Sgt. Howell suggested, is to take a self-defense course like the RAD program, which is offered twice each semester. More information on the program can be found on the SU Police web site <http://www.salisbury.edu/police>.

To reach someone for an escort across campus or a driver for Safe Ride, call SU Police at 36222. Victims of sexual assault or rape may also use this number, or call the 24-hour rape crisis hotline at 1-800-422-0009.

placed next to the large trashcan in the center of Cynthia's Place.

"Since the recycling service is already provided to the students, it gives them a great opportunity to help clean up the environment," said Monzo.

Jenkins said that the litter problem can get very bad around the houses, but by having the recycling boxes they hope this problem will be eliminated. Every Sunday the brothers will pick up the boxes of cans and take them to be recycled.

"I think people will participate with the recycling if they want to keep the community clean," said Lyons. All of the brothers feel as though students will contribute to their project.

There are other ways that Sig Ep has become involved with the community. A group of brothers is

becoming a brotherhood. Monzo and Lyons explained that

the first step of the process, the Sigma challenge, has already been completed. Similar to pledging, the Sigma challenge is when the brothers learn the basic facts and history about the fraternity. They are now in the second step, which is called the Phi challenge. During this step the brothers are to complete their ten community service hours. The final challenge, the Epsilon challenge, is



A Cynthia's place resident takes out their trash.

Photo by Constance Menish

every door. Sig Ep is asking students to put their cans in the boxes as well as large recycling bins which have been donated by Home Depot. The bins will be

Sig Ep tackles recycling in Cynthia Place

By: Caroline Watson
Staff Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon, also known as Sig Ep, is a relatively new fraternity that was started in Salisbury by Andrew Palko and became recognized as a reinvention of the Maryland Zeta chapter at SU in May 2003. Like most fraternities, Sig Ep is actively involved in community service work. Their newest community service project will help to clean up Cynthia's Place by creating a recycling center.

Brothers Patrick Bukovsky, Noah Watkins, Mike Monzo, Justin Hunsinger, Dave Lyons, Collin Riffe, Matt Lasinski and David Jenkins will be tackling this project. Each brother in the fraternity is to complete 10 hours of community service, which is part of their three-step process to

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Cutting down on conflict

By: Cari Konrad
Staff Writer

What is Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution? On the surface, it may seem self-explanatory, but in fact there is much more that entails this ideal than most people would assume. As one of newest undergraduate programs offered at Salisbury University, Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution has become both a popular and valuable track.

Despite what most students

unresolved and escalate into larger problems that are both unnecessary and avoidable.

Although the center targets the needs of Salisbury University students and faculty, it is also used throughout the Salisbury community and is part of a larger system of mediation services known as "Community Mediation Initiative of the Lower Eastern Shore," or CMILES. The purpose of this network is to resolve issues and problems in the community

When legal action occurs, there tends to still be animosity and unproductive tension between the individuals involved. Mediation services at the center allow participants to directly deal with the problem by communicating their emotions and feelings.

"Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution differs, as a major, from related fields as it allows people to communicate and interact on a level that is often overlooked...the goal of communication through

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict – alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence."

- Dorothy Thompson, prominent journalist and leading opponent of Hitler and fascism in the 1930's.

believe, Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution (or CADR) is more than just a track of study; it is a means of communication for Salisbury University students and the community as a whole. The

ability to communicate one's problems and effectively resolve an issue is a vital tool in not only our immediate community but also worldwide.

Kameisha Bennett, a senior with a double major in Sociology and Conflict Resolution has recently returned from her practicum in Jamaica.

During this time, she made use of her conflict resolution skills to build peace centers and resolve conflict among certain individuals and groups. International work is a vital part of Conflict and Dispute Resolution because it works as a communication tool between networks of people. "It was such a rewarding and positive experience," said Bennett.

The Center for Conflict Resolution aims to help correct problems before they become more difficult to resolve. Disputes range from conflicts with a roommate, acquaintance or an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend to a landlord, neighbor or professor. Often, conflicts go

using minimal action and mutually beneficial problem-solving techniques.

The Center for Conflict Resolution is located on the corner of Camden and West College Avenue. According to its mission statement, the center's purpose is "to foster peace through education and action...the center is engaged in teaching about the causes of conflict and the techniques of conflict resolution." The center is ranked third in the nation for Conflict and Dispute Resolution, which extends its credibility and integrity.

Mediation services, which allow students to solve problems with minimal pain and effort, are one of the main functions of the center. Sometimes the smallest issues can escalate to legal action, which would cost everyone involved significant amounts of time and money. Often, students go to the center and get advice about how to deal with certain disputes so that further action is avoided.

Everybody is kung-fu fighting

By: Tiffany Chestnut
Staff Writer

Two ancient Korean traditions are currently being taught every Monday and Wednesday night at Maggs Gym. The Tae Kwon Do and Haidong Gumdo clubs meet upstairs twice a week, and both are rich in historical significance.

Tae Kwon Do has gone by several names since its inception 5,000 years ago. "[It means] the way of using all parts of the body to stop fights and help to build a better and more peaceful world," says instructor Michael Duran. Moreover, it is recognized as an Olympic sport.

On the other hand, Haidong Gumdo traces its history back to third century Korea. "[It is] now one of the fastest growing martial arts in the world," says instructor Michael Kreisher.

Despite the fact that Korean warriors devised both arts, they are vastly different from each other. Haidong Gumdo is more weapons intensive, specifically using wooden swords known as mokgum, later training with dull swords called kagum and eventually real swords called jingum. Meanwhile, Tae Kwon Do focuses on unarmed combat and self-defense techniques.

The Tae Kwon Do club practices consist of the obligatory warm-ups and stretches, followed by Poom-Se training (a series of patterned movements which must be memorized to advance through ranks), as well as kicking and punching practices, partnered sparring and sometimes self-defense tactics. Haidong Gumdo practices involve warm-ups and stretches, plus instruction on sword basics, followed by individual practice according to rank.

Aside from the fighting aspects,

however, the clubs offer other benefits as well. Junior MacKenzie Bard, a Haidong Gumdo student of three years, finds enjoyment in knowing something not many others do, as well as having an interesting way to de-stress. "I like it for the self-confidence and because not many people in America know this art," she said. "Also, with everything college life gives [me] with tests and classes, I get to release all that here."

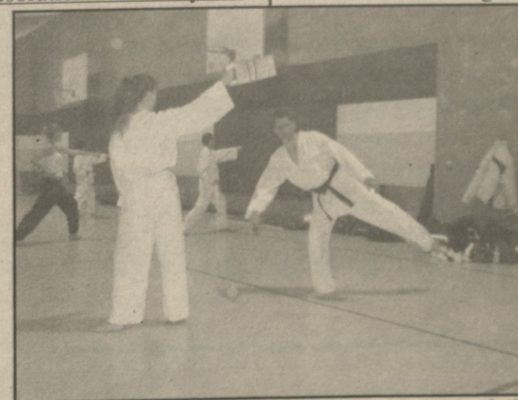
Duran agreed, saying that Tae Kwon Do is also more than fighting skills. "It is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing our spirit and life through training our body and mind," he said.

Kreisher expounded on that idea, citing several more positive attributes to learning martial arts. "[First,] practitioners attain better health, stamina, muscle strength, dexterity, flexibility and an overall greater understanding of how your body works. Second, martial arts teach practitioners how to focus, which can be a great benefit to college students especially."

Kreisher also emphasized that an inherent aspect of his instruction is the opportunity to learn more about the Korean culture itself. "In class we introduce snippets of the Korean language and some customs passed down to me by Korean masters," he said. Nevertheless, he added, the more important gift is purely personal. "While you may go to tournaments and win trophies, it is always about bettering yourself and overcoming personal boundaries," he stressed. "This gives the practitioner a greater sense of self, which then increases their confidence and self-esteem."

Both clubs offer opportunities to test for higher ranks and compete in tournaments. The Tae Kwon Do club's tests are given through Park's Martial Arts of Salisbury, and both clubs require testing fees. However, neither tests nor tournaments are required for club membership.

Meetings for the Tae Kwon Do club are held 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, with Haidong Gumdo meetings following at 9:30 p.m. Monday and 10 p.m. Wednesday.



The Tae Kwan Do club practices martial arts drills.

Flyer photo by Lucia Michel

The Salisbury pizza gauntlet: the best and the worst in town

By: Abby Smith
Staff Writer

I had the grueling task of determining where to find the best pizza in the great metropolis of Salisbury. I got out the yellow pages in search of all the pizza places known to the town and got scared. There weren't just a few listings, there were pages. How was I supposed to try them all in so little time...by myself? So, I decided to enlist the help of several professionals (a.k.a. my starving peers), but the task still seemed daunting. That's a lot of pizza. I wasn't sure if my wallet could handle it - or my stomach, for that matter.

My crackerjack researchers and I decided to call on our Papa John for the first round of sampling. After much debate, the five of us decided on the "SU Special," which is two large cheese pizzas for \$11.99. Special, indeed. When we placed our order, we were told to expect it in about thirty minutes or so. After two phone calls to see if the delivery guy had gotten lost, the food arrived an hour and fifteen minutes later. By that time, even though we were half-starving and would have been happy with anything that slightly resembled food, what we were presented with gave us pause. The pizzas were hardly warm by the time they came, which caused the cheese to

be disappointingly un-stringy and very un-melt-y. The crust was tough and chewy, as though it had come from the freezer and there was hardly any sauce to speak of. While we did place our order just before the dinner rush, one would still expect delivery to be more prompt.

Due to the sketchy Papa John's experience, I lost a considerable portion of my research team, so when it came time to try Ledo's, we had to downsize our order to a small cheese pizza, which didn't just arrive on time, but actually came early. The crust was handmade and fresh, plenty of sauce...excellent. Ledo's wins the award for the "Best Kept Secret in the 'Bury'."

Even though they don't deliver on campus, Little Caesar's should be included in this review. Within walking distance of campus, they run specials with the college student in mind. For a mere five dollars, we got a large cheese pizza that was ready when we walked in. Although we were a bit apprehensive about whether the windy walk back to campus would cool the pizza too much and cause a Papa John's repeat, when we got back to our dorm, the pizza was still hot. Fresh tasting sauce on a not too thin, not too thick crust with plenty of melt-y cheese made Little Caesar's a favorite. The only

drawback was that we couldn't sit on our lazy bums and have it delivered directly to us.

Domino's was the final contestant in our taste-test and can be summed up in one word: average. Our order arrived on time, and the quality was about what one would expect. It was slightly burned, but not enough to detract from the overall taste of the pizza. For the price, the quality was satisfactory, but nothing more. Or maybe my researchers and I were just pizza-ed out by this time.

So to recap, Ledo's is the best bet for delivery, and Little Caesar's is definitely worth the walk. Domino's is nothing special, and you might be asking for trouble with Papa John's. Since it goes without saying that every place can have its good and bad days, I'd advise pizza eaters to make sure there's a supply of Roloids on hand...just in case.

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SPORTS

The NFL free agent merry-go-round

By: Kevin Froehlich
Staff Writer

Terrell Owens wants to be a Philadelphia Eagle, the Eagles want Owens to be an Eagle and it may just be that the NFL wants Owens to be in Philadelphia (we'll find out by as early as Monday if the trade will be overturned). In fact, the only people who don't want Owens in the city of Brotherly Love are the other NFC East teams and the Baltimore Ravens.

Owens is technically a Raven, yet it seems as though Baltimore is the clap because he doesn't want to go anywhere near it. Philadelphia could be the best fit for TO. If Donovan McNabb gets a star receiver, the Eagles will instantly be the NFC favorite. But Baltimore is not that bad of a fit. They have one of the best defenses, led by the incomparable Ray Lewis, and they have a top-notch running back in Jamal Lewis. The only problem is at QB because neither Anthony Wright nor Kyle Boller has really proved anything. All Wright does is launch it in the air and hope someone catches it, and Boller has had one good season and that was at the University of California. If

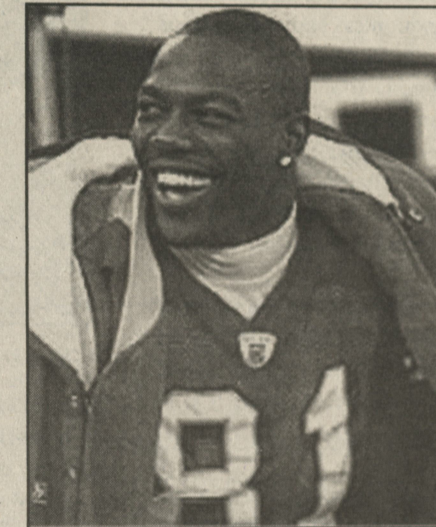
Owens complained about not getting the ball in San Francisco where he was the main option, then what's going to happen in Baltimore where his touches will be released because of Jamal Lewis? Philadelphia continues to lick its chops.

The Eagles also acquired the second-biggest name in the market, DE Jevon Kearse. Linebacker Dhani Jones left the Giants for Philly as well. They may need a wide receiver, but the defense is getting thin. The line is suspect, LB Carlos Emmons bolted for the Giants and cornerbacks Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor will be next to leave. The Eagles will

use the draft looking for a receiver, but they're still hoping for Owens. David Boston, another quality receiver, is being shopped by San Diego, but Miami seems to be the frontrunner. The Dolphins, meanwhile, traded for the Eagles Jay Feeley and subsequently cut back-

up Brian Griese. Jay Fiedler and Feeley will now compete for the starting QB job for the 2004 season.

The other big mover has been the Washington Redskins. Owner Dan Snyder either has an unlimited



Terrell Owens - future Eagle?

amount of money or has sold his soul to the devil. Joe Gibbs is once again head coach, Mark Brunell is the new QB after signing for over \$40 million and Champ Bailey was traded to Denver for RB Clinton Portis, who then signed for over \$60 million. To make up for the loss of Bailey, the

Bertuzzi suspended after vicious hit

By: John Denny
Staff Writer

The National Hockey League suspended Vancouver Canucks power forward Todd Bertuzzi for the rest of the regular season and playoffs on Thursday for his blindside attack on Colorado Avalanche center Steve Moore.

Bertuzzi will lose \$500,000 in lost game pay as a result of the suspension and the Canucks were fined by the league \$250,000. "This is not a part of our game, it has no place in

our game, and it will not be tolerated in our game," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said. The attack was retaliation for an open ice hit Moore laid on Canucks captain Markus Naslund in their last meeting, which sidelined him for three games with



Steve Moore on the ground after Todd Bertuzzi's attack.

a concussion. Both teams were warned by the league not to retaliate.

Moore was punched from behind, jumped on and had his face driven into the ice knocking him unconscious where a few more blows were landed before relief

arrived. He lay in a puddle of blood for several minutes before being carried off in a stretcher and rushed to a hospital. Moore sustained a concussion and two broken vertebrae though no spinal cord damage in the incident.

Bertuzzi is one of 50 Canadian hockey players being considered for their World Cup team. Bertuzzi, one of the top power forwards

in the game, was third in scoring in the NHL last season. He will compete amongst the league's brightest stars in a ten day training camp August 20-29 to determine Canada's Olympic team.

The NHL suspended Bruins defensemen Marty McSorley for

the rest of the 1999-2000 season for hitting forward Donald Brashers, then with Vancouver, in the head with his stick. Vancouver police investigated the attack and McSorley was charged with assault with a weapon but received 18 months conditional discharge. McSorley's suspension was a blemish on an otherwise successful and respectful 17-year career. The punishment all but ended his career.

"McSorley has always been known as an honest and tough player, but this is something he'll have to live with the rest of his life," Canucks general manager Brian Burke said.

Moore suffered a broken neck at the hands of Bertuzzi but wasn't paralyzed from the vicious attack. "Steve, I just want to apologize for what happened out there. I had no intention of hurting you. I feel awful for what transpired," Bertuzzi said.

Breaking down the brackets

By Chris McCarthy
Sports Editor

The NCAA tournament selection committee announced the 65 teams that will be invited to the 2004 men's basketball tournament on Sunday evening. The teams are broken down into four regions consisting of 16 teams each. The four regions are St. Louis, East Rutherford, Phoenix and Atlanta. Below is a listing of the first round games for each region and predictions for who will emerge from each region to play in the final four in San Antonio.

St. Louis Region: seeds in parentheses

- (1) Kentucky vs. (16) Lehigh or Florida A&M (these two will compete in a play-in game on March 16.
- (2) Gonzaga vs. (15) Valparaiso
- (3) Georgia Tech vs. (14) Northern Iowa
- (4) Kansas vs. (13) Illinois-Chicago
- (5) Providence vs. (12) Pacific
- (6) Boston College vs. (11) Utah
- (7) Michigan St. vs. (10) Nevada
- (8) Washington vs. (9) UA

Prediction: Kentucky should waltz through this region. The only team that may upset the Wildcats is Georgia Tech.

East Rutherford Region

- (1) St. Joseph's vs. (16) Liberty
- (2) Oklahoma St. vs. (15) Eastern Washington
- (3) Pittsburgh vs. (14) UCF
- (4) Wake Forest vs. (13) VA Commonwealth
- (5) Florida vs. (12) Manhattan
- (6) Wisconsin vs. (11) Richmond
- (7) Memphis vs. (10) South Carolina
- (8) Texas Tech vs. (9) Charlotte

Prediction: This region will come down to Pitt. and Oklahoma St. Wake and St. Joe's are good enough to win as well. Oklahoma

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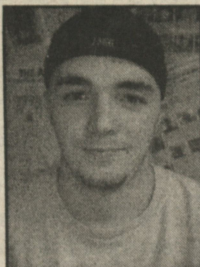
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The world according to me

By: Chris McCarthy
Sports Editor

Ah, the joys of spring. Birds chirping, flowers blooming, March Madness, opening day and the NBA playoffs. Yes sports fans, there is no better time of year than spring in the world of sports.



Sports Editor,
Chris McCarthy

This time of year puts me in a rather good mood, but it doesn't stop me from wondering a few things about life. For example, earlier this week I wondered why Eddie Murphy's movie career has taken a turn for the worse. Axel Foley to Dr. Dolittle? I want the Eddie we saw in "Raw" and "Coming to America." His streak of horrible movies made may be second only to Steve Martin, a guy I never thought was funny. Anyway, here are some other things I wondered about during the week:

*Andre Kirilenko of the Utah Jazz has to be a long-lost sibling or offspring of Ivan Drago. The similarities are stunning. Of course he isn't close to the size of Drago, but he looks eerily similar to him other than that. I feel like the anchors on "SportsCenter" should say "I must break you" after every play this guy makes.

*Speaking of the NBA, how is it possible for teams in the Eastern Conference to be so bad? It's like

bizzaro world over there. Seriously, the Cavs are in pretty good position for a playoff spot in the east and they would be probably looking for draft picks at this point if they played in the west. There has to be scientific evidence that proves why the west is so much better. Imagine being a player in the Eastern Conference. You know there is no chance of winning a title, but you still tell the media that you believe your team can beat one of the western powerhouses in the finals. (Yes, I'm talking to you Jermaine O'Neal). Baffling, simply baffling.

*Hands down the best nickname in sports goes to Shaquille O'Neal who calls himself "The Big Sewer." He came up with this name for himself because he says he has a lot of you know what in his game. Shaq is toying with us all. He knows everyone thinks he's stupid, so he does things like this to taunt us. He's a mastermind. One day, he will show everyone up, the man's a genius.

*Todd Bertuzzi's attack on Steve Moore was downright disturbing. But what bothered me more was the horribly fake apology that followed. Bertuzzi needs a movie deal. Crying on cue is a real talent that some actors would love to have.

*I'm a little upset at the lack of Terry Tate sightings. America needs more of this guy. The producers of "American Idol" should hire Tate to take care of the

bad auditions the judges sit through at the beginning of the show. It would be great television. Some schmuck singing horribly off cue in front of the judges and Simon just looks over at Tate, who proceeds to flatten the talent, much to the delight of Randy Jackson. "Yo dog, I'm feelin' you. That was tight." Paula is in a state of disbelief the entire time. She is just staring at the motionless body on the floor. "I can't believe you told him to do that Simon. You make me sick." But Simon loves it. In fact, he informs Paula that if she doesn't zip it, he will unleash Tate on her. I'm picturing this all in my mind right now, this has to happen.

*"Chappelle's Show" on Comedy Central is the funniest show on television. This comment is not open for debate, because it's no contest.

*Maryland beating Duke in the ACC tournament finals was almost better than winning the national championship two years ago. I finally got to see J.J. Reddick without his trademark smirk. There is nothing better than when a team with heart beats a team like Duke. To quote Tony Kornheiser from "Dream Job," Duke has a smug factor and it irks me badly.

That wraps it up for this week boys and girls. Remember to enjoy the spring sports season because it only happens once a year. I'm out like Duke in the ACC tourney.

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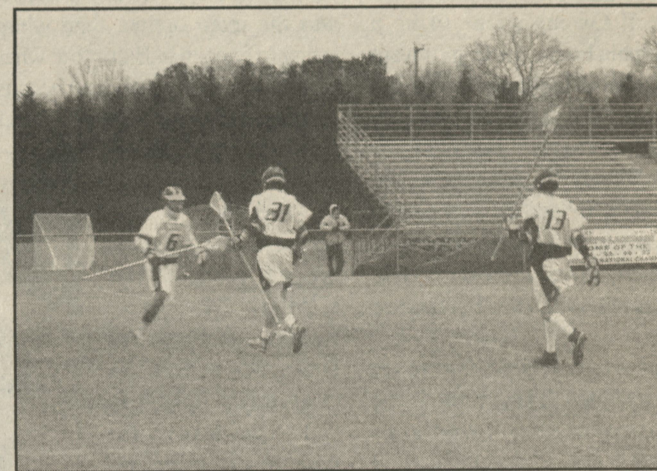
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Men's lacrosse continues winning

By: Dan Parker
Staff Writer



The men's lacrosse team stays on top.

The men's lacrosse team continued their impressive early season play on Wednesday afternoon crushing CAC opponent Marymount University 24-3.

The top ranked Gulls (5-0) dominated in all aspects of the game and never showed any weaknesses. The men came out scorching in the first period with a 9-0 run and ended the half with a 13-0 halftime lead capped off by a last second goal by All-American Andy Murray. The defense of the Gulls, led by Eric Martin and Sean White, capitalized on almost all Marymount mistakes giving the offense numerous opportunities for easy goals. They also shutout Marymount (0-4) in the first half holding them to only three shots on goal.

The Sea Gulls' ferocious defense continued to shut down Marymount's confused offense in the second half allowing no goals in the third period. Marymount was finally able to score in the fourth period when the game was already decided. Salisbury's offense also kept up the intensity scoring eight goals on 17 attempts in the third period, increasing their lead to 21-0.

Corey O'Neil led the Gulls with five goals and Andy Arnold contributed by scoring three. Joe Tamberrino had six assists in the win.

The No. 1 Gulls will try to continue their dominant play next week against when they travel to face Roanoke and return home on March 19 to take on conference foe St. Mary's at 3:30 p.m.

Photo by Kat Hess

Baseball falls short against St. Mary's

By: Kevin Froehlich
Staff Writer

A four-run eighth inning, capped by a three-run home run, led St. Mary's to a 7-4 victory over Salisbury in the Sea Gulls' Capital Athletic Conference opener on Tuesday. Salisbury (8-3, 0-1 CAC) rallied from two down to tie the game 3-3 until Chris Segal of St. Mary's (6-4-1, 1-1) hit the home run to seal the win for the Seahawks.

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batter, Segal, hit the first pitch he saw from Shipe over the trees in left field, putting St. Mary's ahead 7-3.

The Sea Gulls tried to rally in the bottom of the ninth, scoring once on an Alex Vitale sacrifice fly. The rally fell short when Cobb grounded out to short with the bases loaded to end the game.

Bailey (2-1) got the win, going 8 1/3, striking out two and Chris D'Antouno earned his first save of the season. Bush (1-1) took the loss for Salisbury. Nick Pegelow led

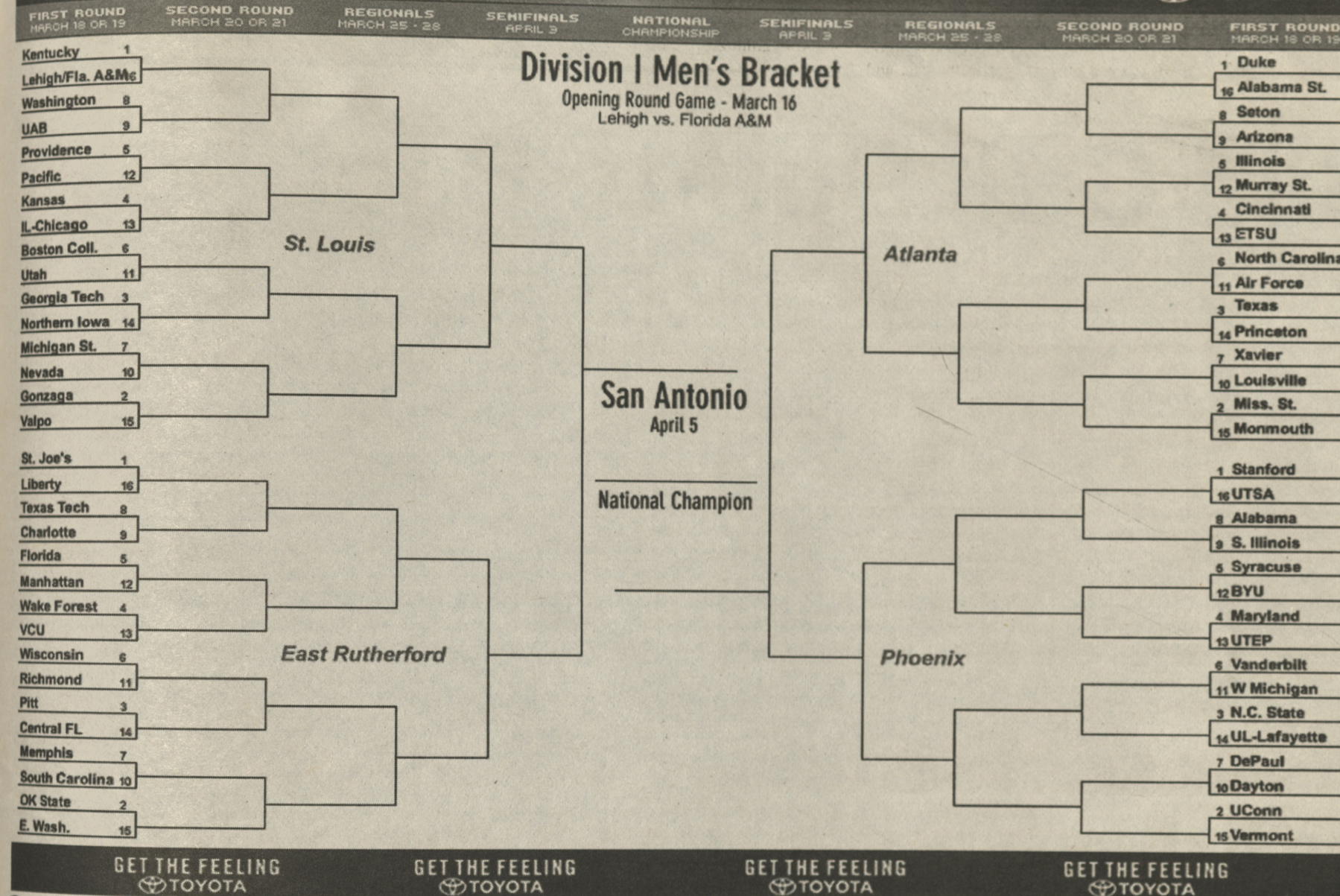
the offensive attack for the Gulls with four hits. Kassekert, Johnson, and Jason Lively had two hits each, respectively.

Salisbury continues action this week when the team travels to Catholic on Wednesday. They then host Washington on Thursday before heading off to Florida for a six-game, four-day trip over spring break.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

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Softball wins Sea Gull Invitational

By: Noah Wood
Staff Writer

The women's softball team won the Sea Gull Invitational tournament held at the Wicomico County Complex last weekend. The Sea Gulls played very well and won all four games. On Friday, they played Wilkes University and Rutgers-Camden University. They beat Wilkes, 7-2, and narrowly edged Rutgers-Camden, 1-0. Junior catcher Kim Rementer scored the lone run of the ballgame.

"I think it was a big team effort," said Rementer, a psychology major. "Everyone stepped up and played their part. Our defense was solid today and we produced and we were able to push runs across when we needed to." Rementer scored a total of three runs during the tournament.

Saturday's games were equally successful. The Sea Gulls played hard and beat King's College and Lynchburg College. SU upended King's College 4-2 and went on to

shutout Lynchburg College 2-0.

"It is always good when you win," said left fielder Kareem Falcon, a junior physical education major. "I don't think we came out on all cylinders, but we pulled through in the end and got the hits we needed." Falcon had one critical run to help beat King's College.

There are a total of 18 women on the roster and head coach Margie Knight has found a way to use them all to the best of their abilities. During the season, the women have been overcoming injuries and illnesses. She said she was proud of how hard the women have been playing despite all the obstacles. "I have utilized every single player on the roster," said Knight. "I couldn't be happier because everyone has been playing their best. We have had many injuries, many sicknesses, but that has not stopped us."

The Lady Gulls swept a double header against Manhattanville College on Sunday. The scores were 10-2 and 4-0.

NCAA Bracket

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St. wins this region and goes to the final four.

Atlanta Region

- (1) Duke vs. (16) Alabama St.
- (2) Mississippi St. vs. (15) Monmouth
- (3) Texas vs. (14) Princeton
- (4) Cincinnati vs. (13) E. Tennessee St.
- (5) Illinois vs. (12) Murray St.
- (6) North Carolina vs. (11) Air Force
- (7) Xavier vs. (10) Louisville
- (8) Seton Hall vs. (9) Arizona

Prediction: The national champ will come from this region. Carolina is the best six seed in the tournament and Texas can put up points in a hurry. Maryland showed the country how to beat Duke. Mississippi St. will come from this strong region, but Texas will give them all they can handle.

Phoenix Region

- (1) Stanford vs. (16) TX San Antonio
- (2) Connecticut vs. (15) Vermont
- (3) N.C. State vs. (14) LA Lafayette
- (4) Maryland vs. (13) UTEP
- (5) Syracuse vs. (12) BYU
- (6) Vanderbilt vs. (11) West. Michigan
- (7) DePaul vs. (10) Dayton
- (8) Alabama vs. (9) Southern Ill.

Prediction: Do not sleep on Maryland. The young Terps can play with any team in the country. That being said, they are a classic Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde team and it's hard to predict which team will show up in the tournament. Will it be the team that won the ACC tournament or the team that lost to Florida State? They will make some noise in the region, but not enough to get past the sweet 16. Connecticut should be the favorite only if Okafor is healthy. Without him, they can not win the region. Stanford should survive the region

and sneak into the elite eight. Julius Hodge and N.C. State may be the only team that can derail the Cardinal.

Final Four Predictions:

Stanford vs. Mississippi St.
Kentucky vs. Oklahoma St.

National Championsip:

Mississippi St. vs. Kentucky

National Champion:

Kentucky Wildcats

Sea Gull Sports Beat

By: Chris McCarthy
Sports Editor

Baseball

The baseball team won three of their four games this week. On Thursday, the Gulls avenged their Wednesday loss to St. Mary's with a 7-2 victory over the Seahawks. SU busted out 15 hits and swiped five bases. Rob Kassekert went 2-5 with two RBI's. Nick Pegelow, Alex Vitale, Matt Johnson, BJ Kittle and Nick Dunk all knocked in runs for SU. Junior Greg Lasinski picked up the win. He went the distance and gave up five hits and two runs. He struck out five.

SU beat Stevens Tech 10-4 on Saturday afternoon. Pegelow went 2-3 with four RBI's to lead the Gulls offensively. Greg Lemon also went 2-3. Dunk pitched eight strong innings, giving up just one earned run while striking out six. Freshmen Tom Howell struck out the side in the ninth to secure the victory.

The Gulls completed the sweep of Stevens Tech with a 14-5 win on Sunday. Lemon, Jason Lively and Kassekert all went 2-3 in the ballgame. Lively and Kassekert also added three and four RBI's respectively. Pegelow was 1-3 with a home run. Junior Brian Shipe picked up the win, going seven

innings and giving up just five hits. He did not allow any runs and struck out eight. The win improves SU to 11-3. Stevens Tech fell to 4-4.

Women's Lacrosse

The No. 4 SU women's Lacrosse team suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of third ranked College of New Jersey 13-8 on Saturday. Linda Ackermann led SU with three goals, bringing her season total to 12. Sophomore Lynsey Batemann added to goals for the Lady Gulls (3-1). SU travels to Marymount on Wednesday. Game time is set for 3:00.

Softball

The top ranked Lady Gulls split their double header with Christopher Newport on Tuesday. In the first game, sophomore All-American Lacey Lister pitched a complete game one-hitter as SU won 3-0. Lister also struck out 10. Kristy Shaffer, Erin Ruest and Tee Dronenburg each had one RBI.

The Lady Gulls suffered their first defeat of the year in the second game, falling 4-3. Lister (7-1) took the loss after giving up four runs on six hits in four innings of work. Ruest led SU (9-1) with two hits and Leslie White and Serena Fleming added RBI's.

Men's Lacrosse

The No. 1 men's lacrosse team remained undefeated as they beat Roanoke 18-8 on Sunday. Justin Smith led SU (6-0) with four goals and senior attackmen Scott Simmons and Cory O'Neil added three goals each. Midfielder Andy Murray netted two goals for the Gulls. Also adding goals were Mike Ricucci, Andy Arnold, James Simpson, Chris Sgritta, Dan Boyer and Casey Olejniczak.

SU takes on conference foe St. Mary's on Friday, March 19 at 3:30 pm in Sea Gull Stadium.

Student Spotlight: Lacey Lister

By Matt Dewhurst
Staff Writer

Lacey Lister, a pitcher from Denton, Md., has already made quite an impact on Sea Gulls softball in her first two years here. Lister was named to the All-American squad in her freshman year, as she helped lead Salisbury to the National Championship game. I had the pleasure of sitting down with the sophomore hurler this week to find out what makes her tick.

Q: How long have you been playing softball?

A: I started pitching when I was 8 or 9, but didn't start playing real softball until I was 10.

Q: How did you end up at SU?

A: I always liked the school. Coach Knight used to coach my high school, so I kind of knew her through that. I had some other schools that wanted me, but what it came down to was the fact that I would have a chance to win a National Championship here.

Q: How is it different from high school softball?

A: Well it is different but not in a bad way. It is definitely more challenging because in high school I always saw the same people, but now it's different people up there [at bat] all the time and they're a lot better.

Q: What do you think the team's chances of winning it all this year are?

A: Really strong. We have a really young team so next year we will be as good as we are now.

Q: What's your best career moment?

A: When we win the National Championship and I think we will.

Q: Do you have any idols in pitching or softball?

A: I don't have any particular idols; Lisa Fernandez and the Olympic teams because of their work ethic. I guess I would say that [my idols] are more my parents.

OK, now for the fun stuff:

Q: You have a hitter at a full count, bottom of the sixth, what do you throw if you want to strike her out?

A: Screwball, that's my bread and butter.

Q: What's the funniest thing you've ever heard someone say on the field?

A: Probably something Kareem [Falcon] said. She's the jokester on the team. She always says something funny. Or me because I always say

the dumbest things.

Favorite Movie:

Golly day, I like so many. I like funny stuff like Adam Sandler, maybe Billy Madison.

In Memory Of

Tolbert Jones

Tolbert Jones, a long-standing employee here at Salisbury University, passed away last week while working on his shift. Jones was a committed soul who proudly served the SU community for 20 years as the school's Lead Maintenance Mechanic. He is succeeded by his wife, Barbara, an employee of SU's Housekeeping Department, and his daughter, Ashley, who is currently in her junior year at the university. We wish the best for the Jones family, their friends, and their colleagues as they try to get over this loss. Tolbert was not only a great employee but a friend to Salisbury University, and he will be missed.

Ryan K. McDowell

Salisbury student Ryan K. McDowell, son of Nursing Department Faculty Member Dr. Dorothea McDowell, passed away Tuesday, March 9 from injuries received attending the annually held Bike Week in Daytona Beach, Florida. A funeral was held Monday at the Laurel Wesleyan Church to commemorate his death. Ryan will be sorely missed here at Salisbury. May friends and family of Ryan find peace in the memories they share. Any checks or donations in remembrance of McDowell should be made out to:

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